



Community Needs Assessment

Missouri Community Action Network Report

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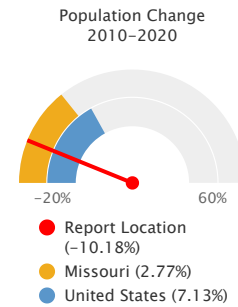
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)

Population Profile

Population Change

Population change within the report area from 2010-2020 is shown below. During this ten-year period, total population estimates for the report area declined by -10.18 percent, decreasing from 107,474 persons in 2010 to 96,533 persons in 2020.

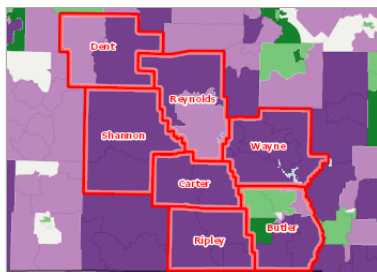
Report Area	Total Population, 2010 Census	Total Population, 2020 Census	Population Change, 2010-2020	Population Change, 2010-2020, Percent
Report Location	107,474	96,533	-10,941	-10.18%
Butler County, MO	42,794	42,130	-664	-1.55%
Carter County, MO	6,265	5,202	-1,063	-16.97%
Dent County, MO	15,657	14,421	-1,236	-7.89%
Reynolds County, MO	6,696	6,096	-600	-8.96%
Ripley County, MO	14,100	10,679	-3,421	-24.26%
Shannon County, MO	8,441	7,031	-1,410	-16.70%
Wayne County, MO	13,521	10,974	-2,547	-18.84%
Missouri	5,988,913	6,154,913	166,000	2.77%
United States	312,471,161	334,735,155	22,263,994	7.13%



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

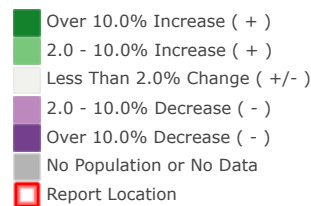
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Population Change, Percent by Tract, US Census 2010 - 2020

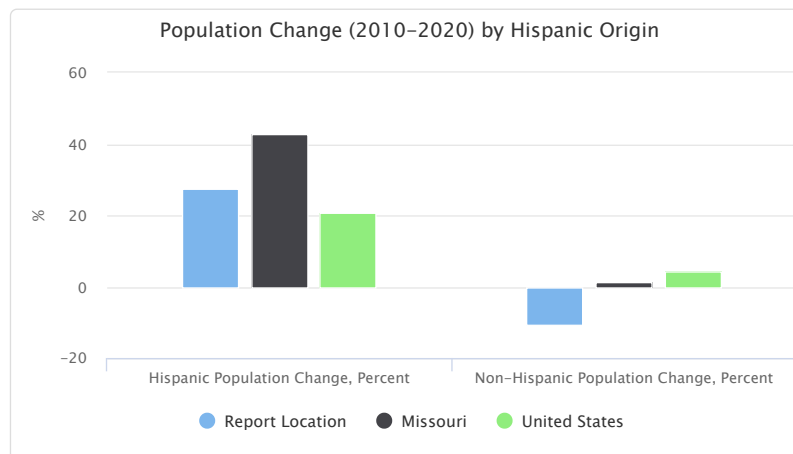


Population Change (2010-2020) by Hispanic Origin

This indicator reports the Hispanic or Latino population change in the report area.

The percentage values could be interpreted as, for example, "Of all the Hispanic population within the report area, there is a population change of (value) during the report time period."

Report Area	Hispanic Population Change, Total	Hispanic Population Change, Percent	Non-Hispanic Population Change, Total	Non-Hispanic Population Change, Percent
Report Location	388	27.66%	-11,329	-10.68%
Butler County, MO	235	35.29%	-899	-2.13%
Carter County, MO	-7	-6.73%	-1,056	-17.14%
Dent County, MO	123	83.11%	-1,359	-8.76%
Reynolds County, MO	35	54.69%	-635	-9.57%
Ripley County, MO	-15	-10.56%	-3,406	-24.40%
Shannon County, MO	2	1.44%	-1,412	-17.01%
Wayne County, MO	15	10.71%	-2,562	-19.15%
Missouri	90,597	42.64%	75,401	1.31%
United States	11,163,011	20.61%	11,100,922	4.30%



Total Population Change (2010-2020) by Race

This indicator reports the total population change of the report area by combined race and ethnicity.

Note: Some of the combined race/ethnicity groups use acronyms for their names in the following table. The full forms are as followed:

- *Non-Hispanic AIAN = Non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native*
- *Non-Hispanic NPI = Non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander*
- *Non-Hispanic Other = Non-Hispanic Some Other Race*

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Non-Hispanic AIAN	Non-Hispanic Asian	Non-Hispanic NPI	Non-Hispanic Other	Non-Hispanic Multiple Race	Hispanic/Latino
Report Location	-14,740	205	-258	22	2	102	3,338	388
Butler County, MO	-2,759	228	-17	21	-3	65	1,566	235
Carter County, MO	-1,198	6	-48	9	0	0	175	-7
Dent County, MO	-1,818	-3	-74	13	0	42	481	123
Reynolds County, MO	-764	-12	-14	6	1	-1	149	35
Ripley County, MO	-3,678	-18	-78	-16	1	-3	386	-15
Shannon County, MO	-1,563	-13	-39	-2	0	2	203	2
Wayne County, MO	-2,960	17	12	-9	3	-3	378	15
Missouri	-186,824	5,625	-566	34,936	3,530	17,005	201,699	90,597
United States	-5,122,185	2,254,139	4,595	5,153,427	140,453	1,087,053	7,583,494	11,163,011

Percent Population Change (2010-2020) by Race

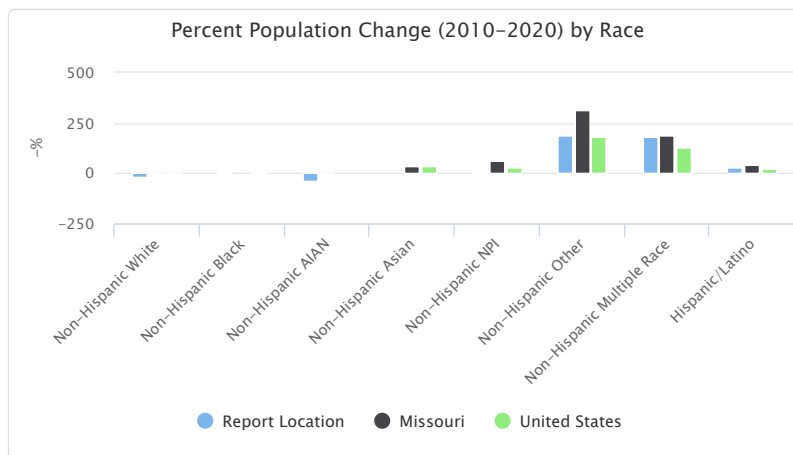
This indicator reports the total population change of the report area by combined race and ethnicity.

The percentage values could be interpreted as, for example, "Of all the non-Hispanic white population within the report area, there is a population change of (value) during the report time period."

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Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Non-Hispanic AIAN	Non-Hispanic Asian	Non-Hispanic NPI	Non-Hispanic Other	Non-Hispanic Multiple Race	Hispanic/Latino
Report Location	-14.66%	8.41%	-36.60%	5.05%	7.69%	188.89%	182.21%	27.66%
Butler County, MO	-7.17%	10.20%	-7.91%	7.42%	-20.00%	185.71%	186.21%	35.29%
Carter County, MO	-19.99%	120.00%	-73.85%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	203.49%	-6.73%
Dent County, MO	-12.10%	-5.45%	-54.81%	31.71%	0.00%	840.00%	196.33%	83.11%
Reynolds County, MO	-11.88%	-26.67%	-37.84%	50.00%	100.00%	-100.00%	144.66%	54.69%
Ripley County, MO	-27.12%	-36.73%	-63.93%	-36.36%	No data	-75.00%	219.32%	-10.56%
Shannon County, MO	-19.50%	-81.25%	-51.32%	-13.33%	No data	200.00%	112.78%	1.44%
Wayne County, MO	-22.68%	51.52%	21.82%	-28.13%	150.00%	-60.00%	188.06%	10.71%
Missouri	-3.85%	0.82%	-2.35%	35.93%	61.25%	316.55%	190.03%	42.64%
United States	-2.60%	5.98%	0.20%	35.62%	29.16%	179.59%	127.07%	20.61%

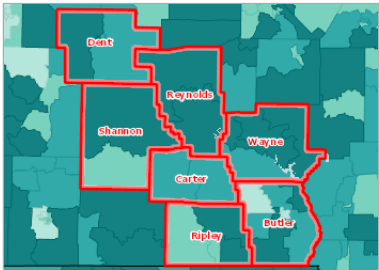


Age and Gender Demographics

Population by gender within the report area is shown below. According to ACS 2016-2020 5 year population estimates for the report area, the female population comprised 50.98% of the report area, while the male population represented 49.02%.

Report Area	0 to 4 Male	0 to 4 Female	5 to 17 Male	5 to 17 Female	18 to 64 Male	18 to 64 Female	Over 64 Male	Over 64 Female
Report Location	3,245	2,858	9,150	8,400	29,779	29,998	8,938	11,893
Butler County, MO	1,490	1,196	3,943	3,442	12,047	12,424	3,082	4,566
Carter County, MO	177	169	526	609	1,756	1,655	543	638
Dent County, MO	463	408	1,332	1,263	4,353	4,303	1,345	1,848
Reynolds County, MO	136	133	518	383	1,908	1,731	615	746
Ripley County, MO	401	404	1,187	1,062	3,770	3,851	1,212	1,518
Shannon County, MO	268	224	657	622	2,327	2,361	783	942
Wayne County, MO	310	324	987	1,019	3,618	3,673	1,358	1,635
Missouri	190,192	180,854	516,007	492,370	1,841,634	1,869,719	409,580	577,216
United States	10,051,876	9,598,316	27,404,878	26,241,668	100,097,513	100,812,240	20,905,372	29,098,554

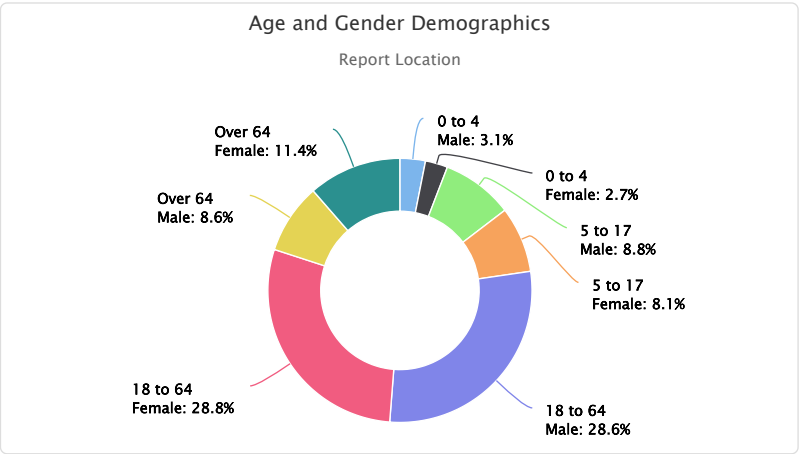
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Median Age by Tract, ACS 2016-20

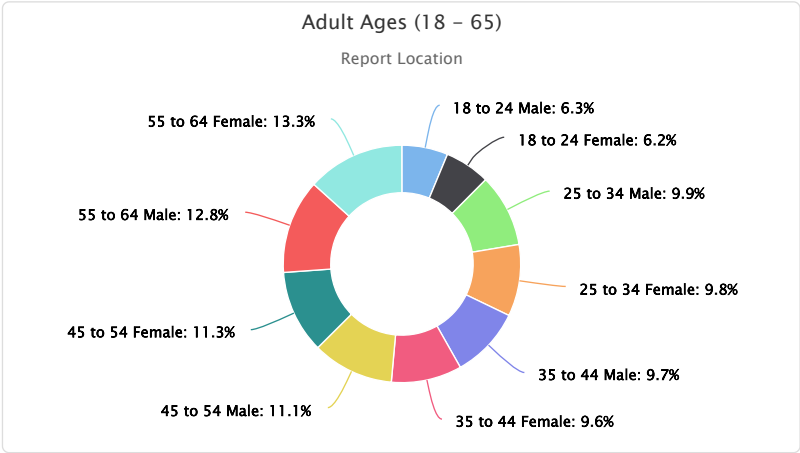
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- 35.1 - 40.0
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- Report Location



Adult Ages (18 - 65)

Report Area	18 to 24 Male	18 to 24 Female	25 to 34 Male	25 to 34 Female	35 to 44 Male	35 to 44 Female	45 to 54 Male	45 to 54 Female	55 to 64 Male	55 to 64 Female
Report Location	3,751	3,693	5,933	5,842	5,784	5,739	6,642	6,772	7,669	7,952
Butler County, MO	1,599	1,587	2,677	2,649	2,190	2,448	2,729	2,799	2,852	2,941
Carter County, MO	235	300	279	170	379	378	371	374	492	433
Dent County, MO	517	506	779	770	868	809	969	946	1,220	1,272
Reynolds County, MO	258	162	325	327	401	366	403	389	521	487
Ripley County, MO	437	469	809	806	793	728	811	829	920	1,019
Shannon County, MO	259	311	455	469	435	401	534	518	644	662
Wayne County, MO	446	358	609	651	718	609	825	917	1,020	1,138
Missouri	290,528	277,417	410,234	408,810	371,652	374,137	370,182	382,463	399,038	426,892
United States	15,581,223	14,854,513	23,075,008	22,410,157	20,624,884	20,721,793	20,494,858	21,045,878	20,321,540	21,779,899

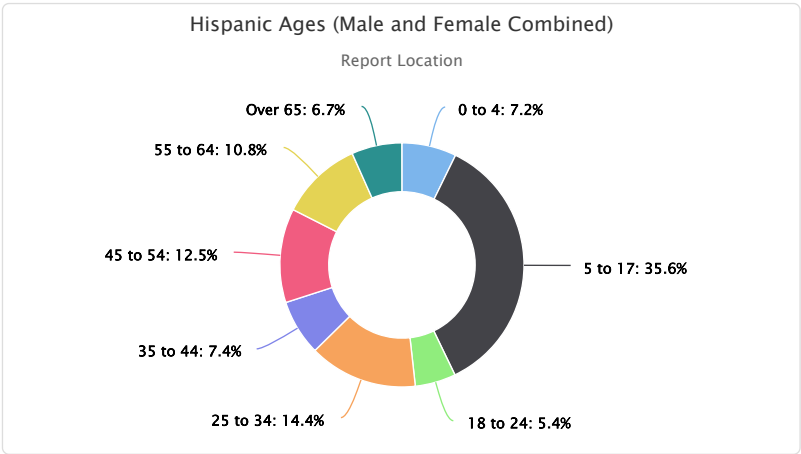
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Hispanic Ages (Male and Female Combined)

Report Area	0 to 4	5 to 17	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	Over 65
Report Location	153	752	114	304	156	263	229	141
Butler County, MO	153	240	95	141	19	106	95	77
Carter County, MO	0	186	0	0	64	1	54	0
Dent County, MO	0	116	0	13	27	52	4	64
Reynolds County, MO	0	0	0	41	4	4	0	0
Ripley County, MO	0	106	19	39	0	36	0	0
Shannon County, MO	0	14	0	70	6	18	0	0
Wayne County, MO	0	90	0	0	36	46	76	0
Missouri	26,798	68,979	31,767	41,479	36,455	25,868	17,271	14,060
United States	5,025,433	13,444,962	6,809,518	9,372,450	8,531,810	6,940,374	4,856,733	4,379,740

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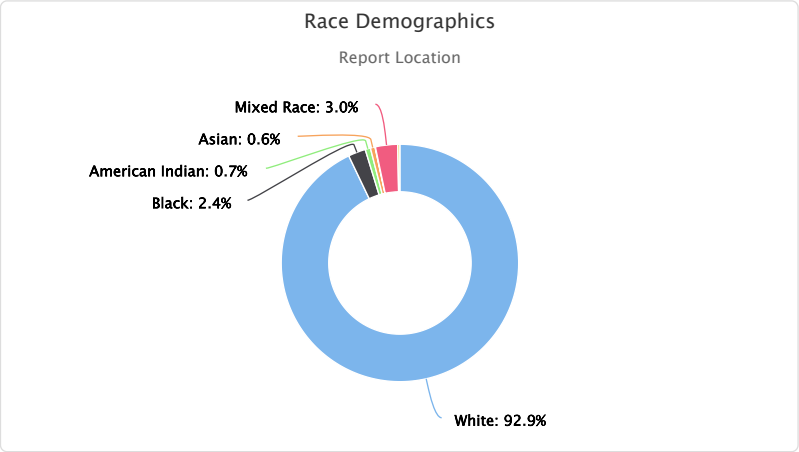


Race Demographics

Population by gender within the report area is shown below. According to ACS 2016-2020 5 year population estimates, the white population comprised 92.91% of the report area, black population represented 2.36%, and other races combined were 1.7%. Persons identifying themselves as mixed race made up 3.02% of the population.

Report Area	Total Population	White Total	Black Total	American Indian Total	Asian Total	Native Hawaiian Total	Some Other Total	Mixed Race Total
Report Location	105,196	97,741	2,485	766	659	62	302	3,181
Butler County, MO	42,570	38,277	2,119	287	378	31	85	1,393
Carter County, MO	6,085	5,801	5	236	0	0	0	43
Dent County, MO	15,518	14,586	100	124	91	0	94	523
Reynolds County, MO	6,274	5,879	82	12	24	10	28	239
Ripley County, MO	13,484	12,973	90	69	77	21	60	194
Shannon County, MO	8,207	7,792	10	11	0	0	0	394
Wayne County, MO	13,058	12,433	79	27	89	0	35	395
Missouri	6,124,160	4,978,046	698,043	24,274	123,810	8,887	76,782	214,318
United States	326,569,308	229,960,813	41,227,384	2,688,614	18,421,637	611,404	16,783,914	16,875,542

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Race Demographics - Male

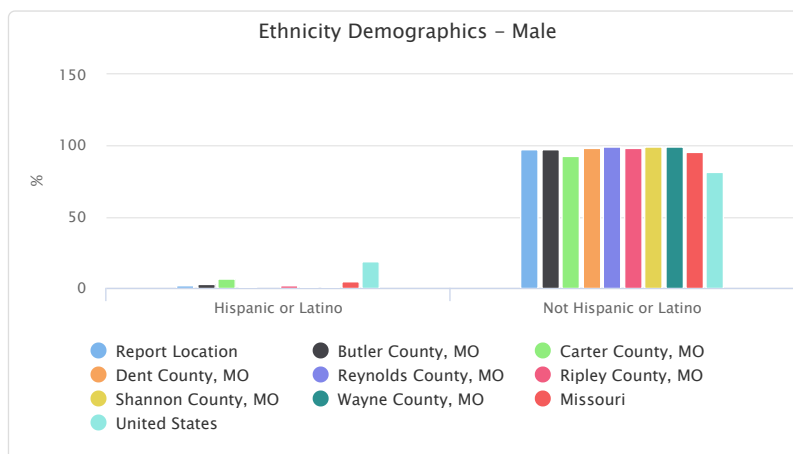
Report Area	White Male	Black Male	American Indian Male	Asian Total	Native Hawaiian Male	Some Other Male	Mixed Race Male
Report Location	47,932	1,434	412	366	39	200	1,664
Butler County, MO	18,534	1,172	144	246	8	59	779
Carter County, MO	2,830	5	144	0	0	0	35
Dent County, MO	7,283	59	67	24	0	55	208
Reynolds County, MO	3,030	80	2	15	10	5	139
Ripley County, MO	6,379	61	49	8	21	46	85
Shannon County, MO	3,850	1	6	0	0	0	201
Wayne County, MO	6,026	56	0	73	0	35	217
Missouri	2,450,243	332,383	12,199	58,412	4,474	39,652	106,638
United States	113,664,533	19,730,397	1,336,572	8,774,740	306,498	8,587,766	8,418,024

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2016-20. → Show more details

Ethnicity Demographics - Male

Report Area	Total Males Hispanic / Latino	Total Males Not Hispanic / Latino	Percent Males Hispanic / Latino	Percent Males Not Hispanic / Latino
Report Location	1,093	50,954	2.10%	97.90%
Butler County, MO	575	20,367	2.75%	97.25%
Carter County, MO	211	2,803	7.00%	93.00%
Dent County, MO	107	7,589	1.39%	98.61%
Reynolds County, MO	10	3,271	0.30%	99.70%
Ripley County, MO	103	6,546	1.55%	98.45%
Shannon County, MO	23	4,035	0.57%	99.43%
Wayne County, MO	64	6,343	1.00%	99.00%
Missouri	133,869	2,870,132	4.46%	95.54%
United States	29,963,974	130,854,556	18.63%	81.37%

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Race Demographics - Female

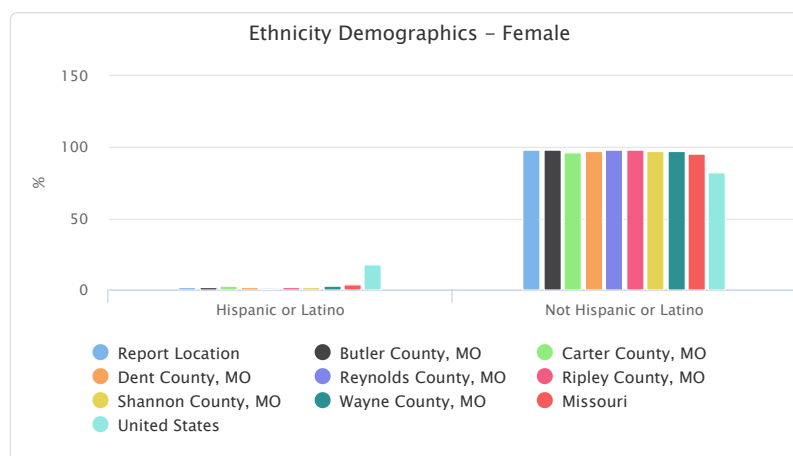
Report Area	White Female	Black Female	American Indian Female	Asian Female	Native Hawaiian Female	Some Other Female	Mixed Race Female
Report Location	49,809	1,051	354	293	23	102	1,517
Butler County, MO	19,743	947	143	132	23	26	614
Carter County, MO	2,971	0	92	0	0	0	8
Dent County, MO	7,303	41	57	67	0	39	315
Reynolds County, MO	2,849	2	10	9	0	23	100
Ripley County, MO	6,594	29	20	69	0	14	109
Shannon County, MO	3,942	9	5	0	0	0	193
Wayne County, MO	6,407	23	27	16	0	0	178
Missouri	2,527,803	365,660	12,075	65,398	4,413	37,130	107,680
United States	116,296,280	21,496,987	1,352,042	9,646,897	304,906	8,196,148	8,457,518

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2016-20. → Show more details

Ethnicity Demographics - Female

Report Area	Total Females Hispanic / Latino	Total Females Not Hispanic / Latino	Percent Females Hispanic / Latino	Percent Females Not Hispanic / Latino
Report Location	1,019	52,130	1.92%	98.08%
Butler County, MO	351	21,277	1.62%	98.38%
Carter County, MO	94	2,977	3.06%	96.94%
Dent County, MO	169	7,653	2.16%	97.84%
Reynolds County, MO	39	2,954	1.30%	98.70%
Ripley County, MO	97	6,738	1.42%	98.58%
Shannon County, MO	85	4,064	2.05%	97.95%
Wayne County, MO	184	6,467	2.77%	97.23%
Missouri	128,808	2,991,351	4.13%	95.87%
United States	29,397,046	136,353,732	17.74%	82.26%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2016-20. → Show more details



Households

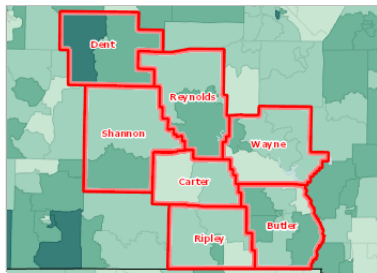
This indicator compares two separate American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates to create a 5-year change in total households. The change in number of households within the report area are from 2011-2015 ACS, and 2016-2020 ACS.

Total households for the report area decreased by -816, or -1.95% in those areas reporting 2020 ACS 5-year data. This compares to a statewide increase of 3.19%.

Report Area	Total Households (2015)	Total Households (2020)	Change in Households	Percent Change
Report Location	41,917	41,101	-816	-1.95%
Butler County, MO	16,730	16,358	-372	-2.22%
Carter County, MO	2,453	2,334	-119	-4.85%
Dent County, MO	5,920	6,355	435	7.35%
Reynolds County, MO	2,661	2,580	-81	-3.04%
Ripley County, MO	5,423	4,973	-450	-8.30%
Shannon County, MO	3,277	3,063	-214	-6.53%
Wayne County, MO	5,453	5,438	-15	-0.28%
Missouri	2,364,688	2,440,212	75,524	3.19%
United States	116,926,305	122,354,219	5,427,914	4.64%

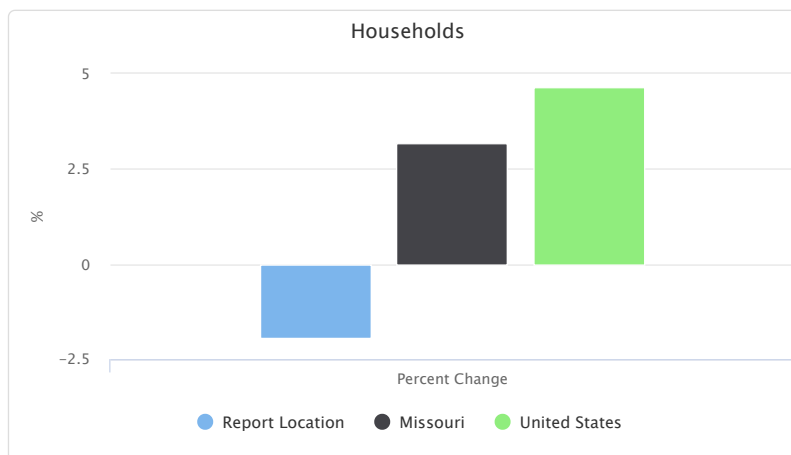
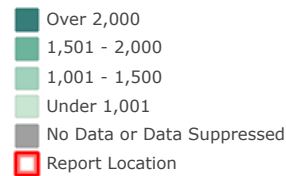
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Total Households by Tract, ACS 2016-20

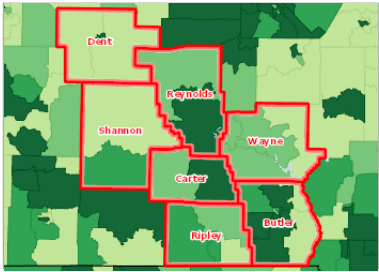


Families

The American Community Survey (ACS) estimated there were 26,970 families in the report area in 2020. Married couple families comprised 74.96% of the total number. Families headed by men without wives comprised 7.92% of the total, while women without husbands headed 17.12% of families.

Report Area	Total Number of Families	Married Couple	Female, Spouse Absent	Male, Spouse Absent
Report Location	26,970	20,217	4,617	2,136
Butler County, MO	10,467	7,297	2,233	937
Carter County, MO	1,550	1,230	189	131
Dent County, MO	4,169	3,142	617	410
Reynolds County, MO	1,819	1,462	263	94
Ripley County, MO	3,283	2,515	573	195
Shannon County, MO	2,254	1,745	277	232
Wayne County, MO	3,428	2,826	465	137
Missouri	1,551,056	1,165,218	277,227	108,611
United States	79,849,830	58,807,003	15,086,810	5,956,017

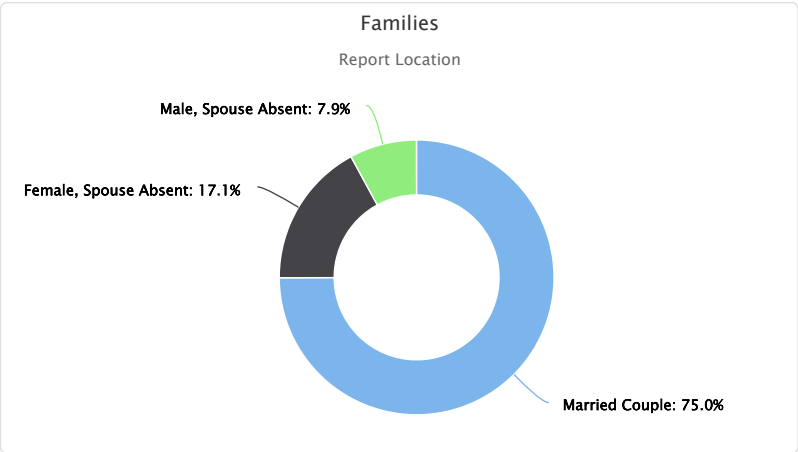
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Single Parent Households with Children (Age 0-17), Percent by Tract, ACS 2016-20

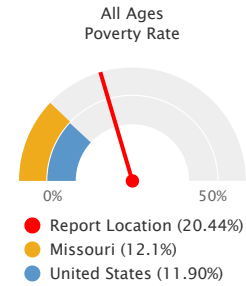
- Over 38.0%
- 32.1 - 38.0%
- 26.1 - 32.0%
- Under 26.1%
- No Households with Children Reported
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- Report Location



Poverty

2020 poverty estimates show a total of 20,974 persons living below the poverty level in the report area. Poverty information is at 100% of the federal poverty income guidelines.

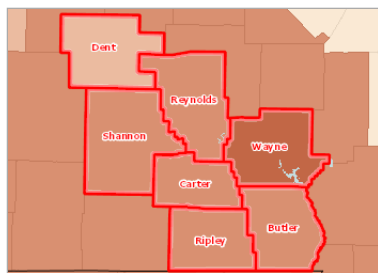
Report Area	All Ages No of Persons	All Ages Poverty Rate	Age 0-17 No of Persons	Age 0-17 Poverty Rate	Age 5-17 No of Persons	Age 5-17 Poverty Rate
Report Location	20,974	20.44%	6,445	28.58%	4,614	27.84%
Butler County, MO	8,777	21.2%	2,529	26.7%	1,796	26.1%
Carter County, MO	1,205	20.3%	404	29.8%	292	29%
Dent County, MO	2,309	15.1%	748	22.2%	554	22.5%
Reynolds County, MO	1,177	19.4%	368	32%	268	31.1%
Ripley County, MO	2,808	21.3%	942	31.6%	674	30.4%
Shannon County, MO	1,771	21.8%	558	32.5%	396	31.4%
Wayne County, MO	2,927	23.2%	896	35.8%	634	33.7%
Missouri	725,117	12.1%	208,410	15.5%	144,708	14.8%
United States	38,371,394	11.90%	11,204,423	15.70%	7,798,566	14.90%



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

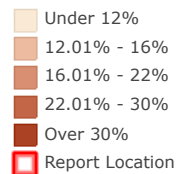
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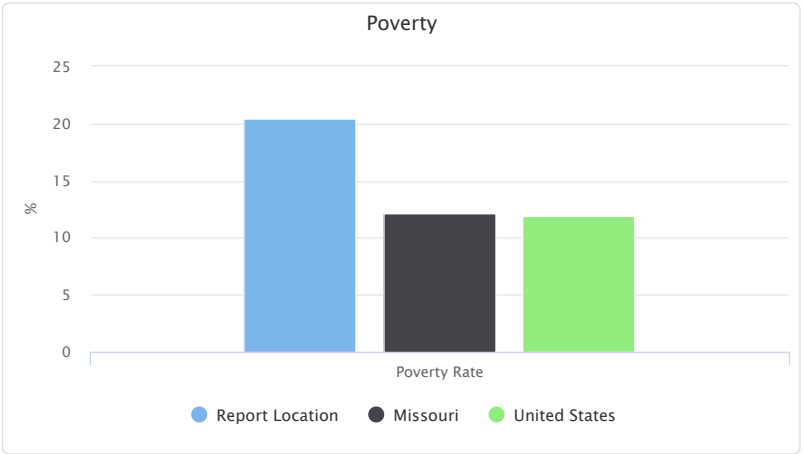
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Population Below the Poverty Level, Percent by County, SAIPE 2020

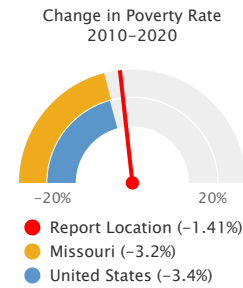




Poverty Rate Change

Poverty rate change in the report area from 2010 to 2020 is shown below. According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for the area decreased by -1.41%, compared to a national change of -3.4%.

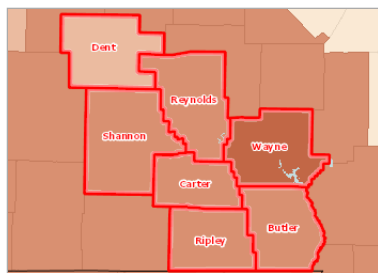
Report Area	Persons in Poverty 2010	Poverty Rate 2010	Persons in Poverty 2020	Poverty Rate 2020	Change in Poverty Rate 2010-2020
Report Location	23,097	21.85%	20,974	20.44%	-1.41%
Butler County, MO	8,088	19.3%	8,777	21.2%	1.9%
Carter County, MO	1,531	24.5%	1,205	20.3%	-4.2%
Dent County, MO	2,946	19.1%	2,309	15.1%	-4.0%
Reynolds County, MO	1,573	24.0%	1,177	19.4%	-4.6%
Ripley County, MO	3,704	26.6%	2,808	21.3%	-5.3%
Shannon County, MO	2,138	25.6%	1,771	21.8%	-3.8%
Wayne County, MO	3,117	23.4%	2,927	23.2%	-0.2%
Missouri	888,471	15.3%	725,117	12.1%	-3.2%
United States	46,215,956	15.3%	38,371,394	11.9%	-3.4%



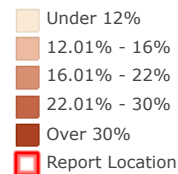
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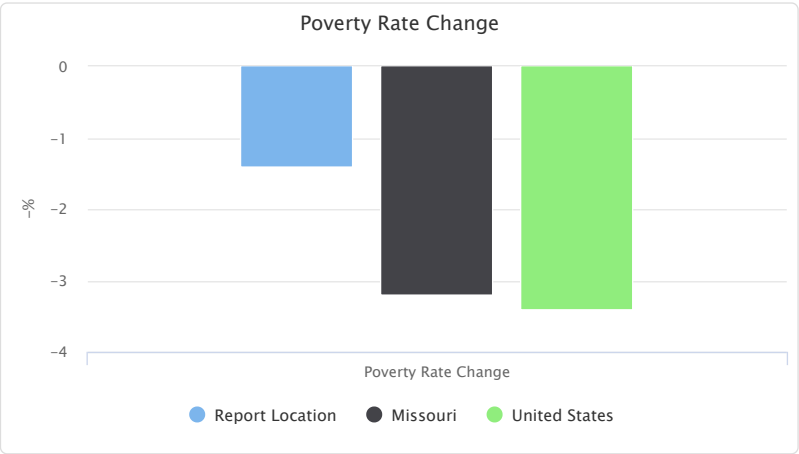
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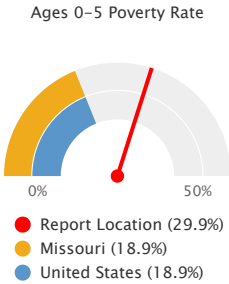




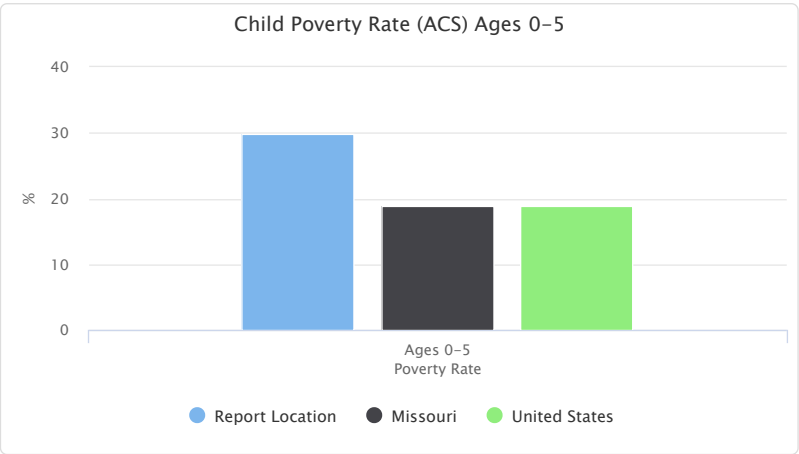
Child Poverty Rate (ACS) Ages 0-5

Population and poverty estimates for children age 0-5 are shown for the report area. According to the American Community Survey (ACS) 5 year data, an average of 29.9% of children lived in a state of poverty during the survey calendar year. The poverty rate for children living in the report area is less than the national average of 18.9%.

Report Area	Ages 0-5 Total Population	Ages 0-5 In Poverty	Ages 0-5 Poverty Rate
Report Location	6,943	2,076	29.9%
Butler County, MO	3,071	916	29.8%
Carter County, MO	303	101	33.3%
Dent County, MO	1,051	302	28.7%
Reynolds County, MO	319	109	34.2%
Ripley County, MO	975	262	26.9%
Shannon County, MO	614	163	26.5%
Wayne County, MO	610	223	36.6%
Missouri	434,328	82,280	18.9%
United States	23,100,521	4,375,879	18.9%

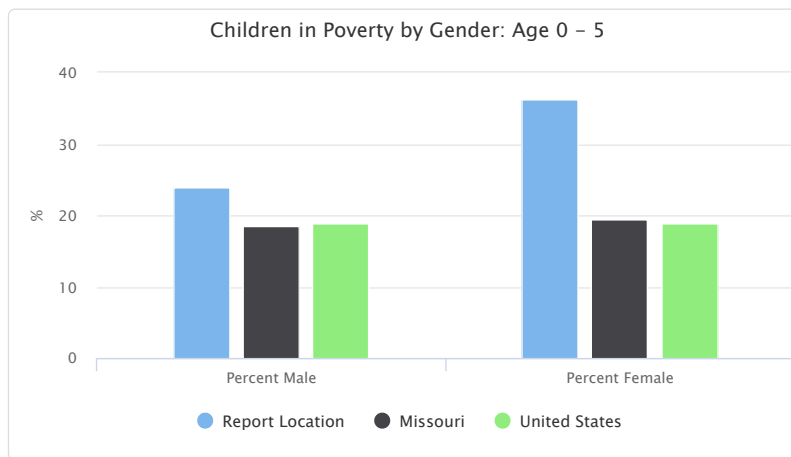


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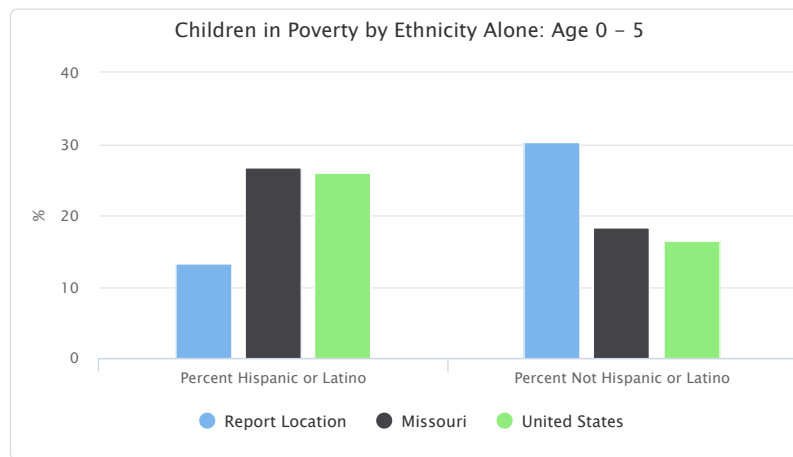
Children in Poverty by Gender: Age 0 - 5

Report Area	Total Male	Total Female	Percent Male	Percent Female
Report Location	857	1,219	23.93%	36.26%
Butler County, MO	325	591	19.55%	41.94%
Carter County, MO	39	62	22.81%	46.97%
Dent County, MO	148	154	27.77%	29.73%
Reynolds County, MO	73	36	42.94%	24.16%
Ripley County, MO	155	107	31.00%	22.53%
Shannon County, MO	45	118	17.18%	33.52%
Wayne County, MO	72	151	25.44%	46.18%
Missouri	41,318	40,962	18.56%	19.35%
United States	2,233,111	2,142,768	18.91%	18.97%



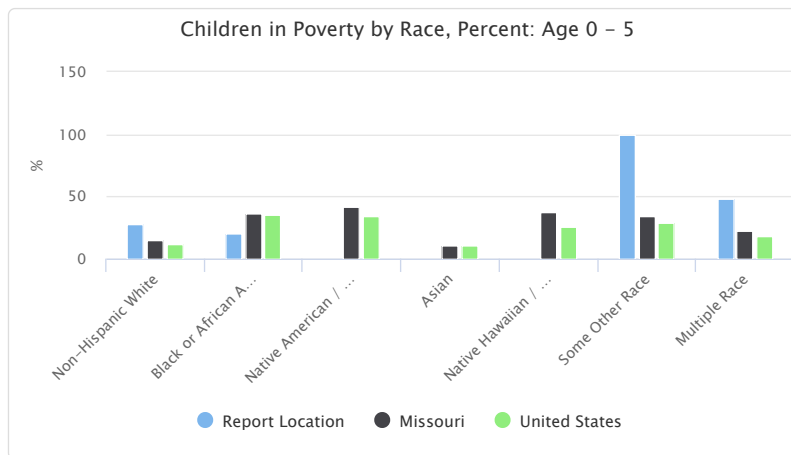
Children in Poverty by Ethnicity Alone: Age 0 - 5

Report Area	Total Hispanic or Latino	Total Not Hispanic or Latino	Percent Hispanic or Latino	Percent Not Hispanic or Latino
Report Location	23	2,053	13.29%	30.32%
Butler County, MO	23	893	13.29%	30.81%
Carter County, MO	0	101	No data	33.33%
Dent County, MO	0	302	No data	28.73%
Reynolds County, MO	0	109	No data	34.17%
Ripley County, MO	0	262	No data	26.87%
Shannon County, MO	0	163	No data	26.55%
Wayne County, MO	0	223	No data	36.56%
Missouri	8,160	74,120	26.80%	18.35%
United States	1,534,770	2,841,109	26.00%	16.52%



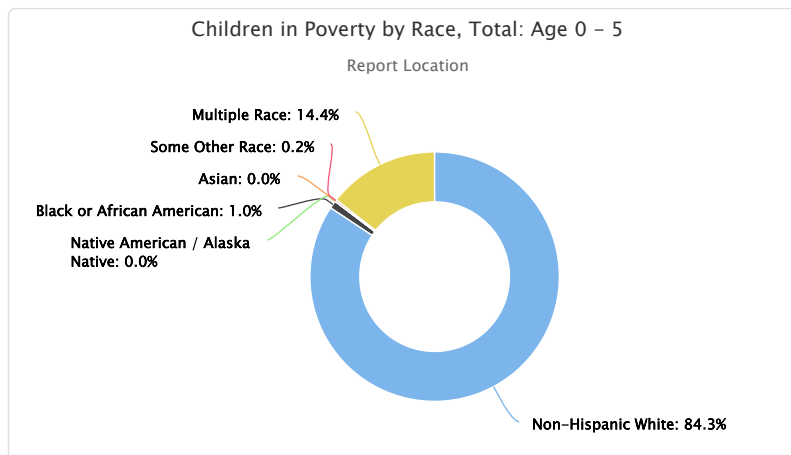
Children in Poverty by Race, Percent: Age 0 - 5

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Report Location	28.06%	20.39%	No data	0.00%	No data	100.00%	47.90%
Butler County, MO	26.49%	20.39%	No data	No data	No data	No data	50.12%
Carter County, MO	33.33%	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
Dent County, MO	25.78%	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	62.35%
Reynolds County, MO	33.12%	No data	No data	No data	No data	100.00%	No data
Ripley County, MO	25.59%	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	51.02%
Shannon County, MO	28.70%	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	8.96%
Wayne County, MO	36.29%	No data	No data	0.00%	No data	No data	100.00%
Missouri	14.48%	36.26%	41.84%	10.93%	37.20%	34.03%	22.29%
United States	11.60%	35.33%	34.82%	10.55%	25.37%	28.60%	18.68%



Children in Poverty by Race, Total: Age 0 - 5

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Report Location	1,731	21	0	0	0	5	296
Butler County, MO	666	21	0	0	0	0	206
Carter County, MO	101	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dent County, MO	249	0	0	0	0	0	53
Reynolds County, MO	104	0	0	0	0	5	0
Ripley County, MO	237	0	0	0	0	0	25
Shannon County, MO	157	0	0	0	0	0	6
Wayne County, MO	217	0	0	0	0	0	6
Missouri	44,532	20,965	531	831	430	2,811	7,445
United States	1,306,778	1,117,904	72,394	128,296	12,317	412,469	451,279

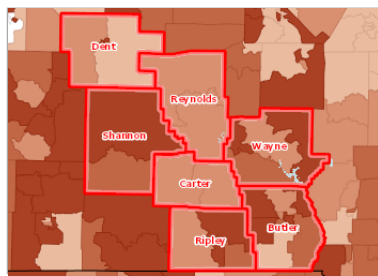


Seniors in Poverty

Poverty rates for seniors, including data for all counties from the 2000 Census as of April 1, 2000, and data from the American Community Survey as average values for the 2016 to 2020 period are shown in below.

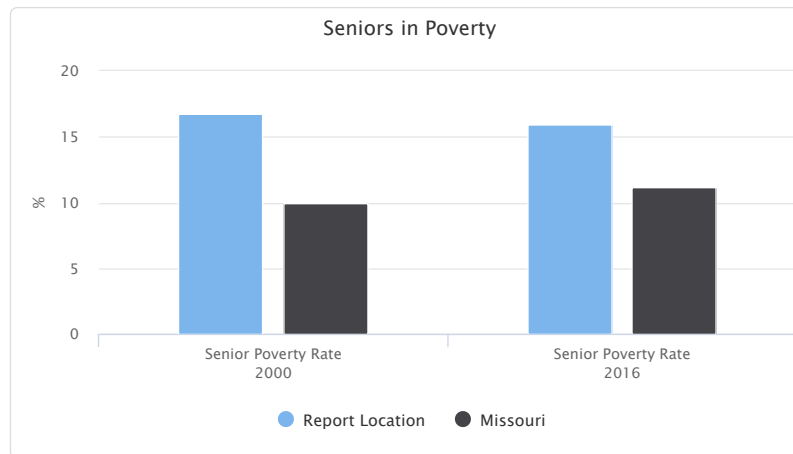
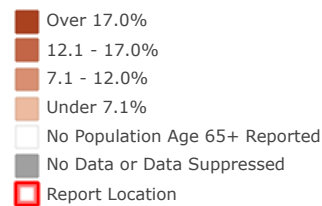
Report Area	Seniors in Poverty 2000	Senior Poverty Rate 2000	Seniors in Poverty 2020	Senior Poverty Rate 2020
Report Location	2,811	16.79%	3,368	15.90%
Butler County, MO	1,067	16.9%	1,211	13.28%
Carter County, MO	183	20.2%	98	8.89%
Dent County, MO	307	12.2%	436	15.77%
Reynolds County, MO	165	15.5%	148	13.45%
Ripley County, MO	452	20.4%	509	16.78%
Shannon County, MO	243	20.2%	418	19.67%
Wayne County, MO	394	15.6%	548	16.47%
Missouri	70,476	9.9%	86,148	11.14%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2016-20. Source geography: County → [Show more details](#)



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Population Below the Poverty Level, Senior (Age 65+), Percent by Tract, ACS 2016-20



Households in Poverty

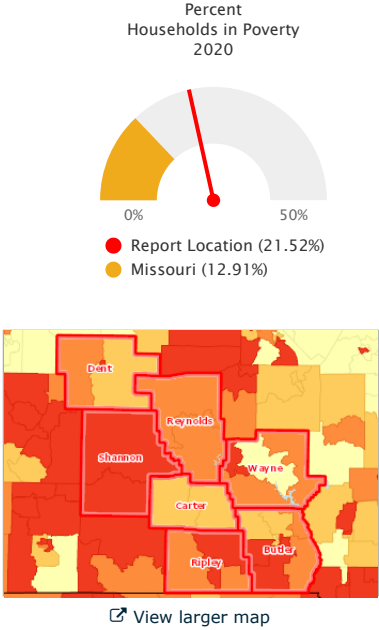
The table below shows the number and percentage of households in poverty in the report area. In 2020, it is estimated that there were 8,845 households, or 21.52%, living in poverty within the report area, compared to a statewide average of 12.91%.

Note: The total household measurements for poverty reports are lower, as poverty data collection does not include people in group quarters. See Methodology for more details.

Report Area	Total Households 2000	Households in Poverty 2000	Percent Households in Poverty 2000	Total Households 2020	Households in Poverty 2020	Percent Households in Poverty 2020
Report Location	42,173	8,615	20.43%	41,101	8,845	21.52%
Butler County, MO	16,737	3,167	18.92%	16,358	3,568	21.81%
Carter County, MO	2,377	551	23.18%	2,334	367	15.72%
Dent County, MO	6,017	988	16.42%	6,355	1,166	18.35%
Reynolds County, MO	2,735	556	20.33%	2,580	459	17.79%
Ripley County, MO	5,438	1,280	23.54%	4,973	1,282	25.78%
Shannon County, MO	3,329	868	26.07%	3,063	767	25.04%
Wayne County, MO	5,540	1,205	21.75%	5,438	1,236	22.73%
Missouri	2,197,214	258,419	11.76%	2,440,212	315,025	12.91%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

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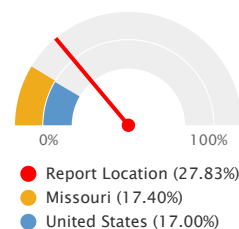


Poverty Rate 125% (ACS)

In the report area 27.83% or 28,742 individuals are living in households with income below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). This indicator is relevant because poverty creates barriers to access including health services, healthy food, and other necessities that contribute to poor health status. *Note: The total population measurements for poverty reports are lower, as poverty data collection does not include people in group quarters. See Methodology for more details.*

Report Area	Population, Total	Population with Income at or Below 125% FPL	Population with Income at or Below 125% FPL, Percent
Report Location	103,263	28,742	27.83%
Butler County, MO	41,652	11,493	27.59%
Carter County, MO	5,947	1,315	22.11%
Dent County, MO	15,326	3,718	24.26%
Reynolds County, MO	6,108	1,462	23.94%
Ripley County, MO	13,337	3,992	29.93%
Shannon County, MO	8,087	2,599	32.14%
Wayne County, MO	12,806	4,163	32.51%
Missouri	5,942,813	1,034,128	17.40%
United States	318,564,128	54,159,805	17.00%

Percent Population with Income at or Below 125% FPL



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2016-20. Source geography: Tract → Show more details

Family Poverty Rate 125% (ACS)

In the report area 19.17% or 5,171 family households are living with income below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

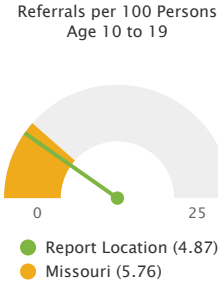
Report Area	Family Households, Total	Families with Income at or Below 125% FPL	Families with Income at or Below 125% FPL, Percent
Report Location	26,970	5,171	19.17%
Butler County, MO	10,467	1,943	18.56%
Carter County, MO	1,550	164	10.58%
Dent County, MO	4,169	692	16.60%
Reynolds County, MO	1,819	351	19.30%
Ripley County, MO	3,283	787	23.97%
Shannon County, MO	2,254	572	25.38%
Wayne County, MO	3,428	662	19.31%
Missouri	1,551,056	191,926	12.37%
United States	79,849,830	9,957,981	12.47%

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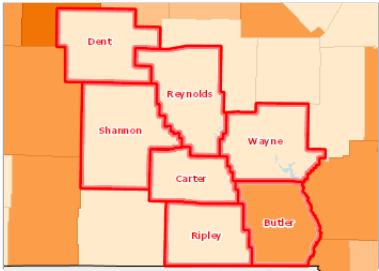
Juvenile Court Referrals

The number of juvenile court referrals in the latest data release year within the report area is shown below, in addition to the number of referrals per 100 persons age 10 to 19. The rate for the report area was 4.87 which was lower than the statewide rate of 5.76.

Report Area	Number of Referrals	Referrals per 100 Persons Age 10 to 19
Report Location	644	4.87
Butler County, MO	376	6.64
Carter County, MO	40	3.85
Dent County, MO	88	4.41
Reynolds County, MO	22	3.28
Ripley County, MO	58	4.10
Shannon County, MO	23	2.82
Wayne County, MO	37	2.27
Missouri	45,666	5.76



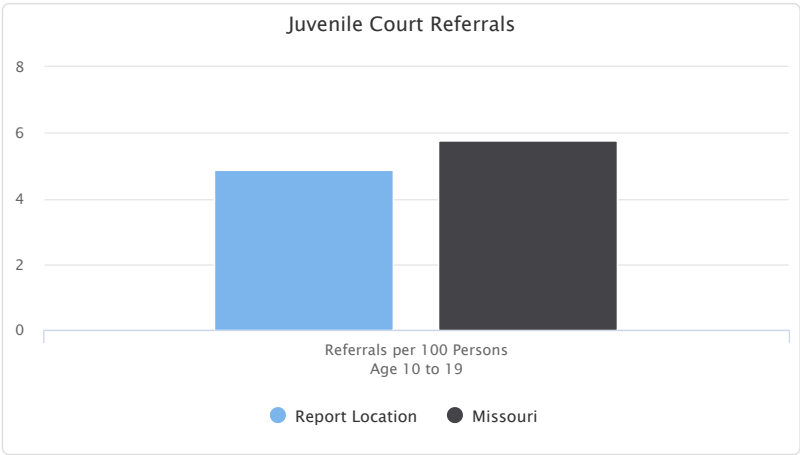
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Juvenile Court Referrals, Number of Referrals by County, MO DSS CD 2020

- Over 535
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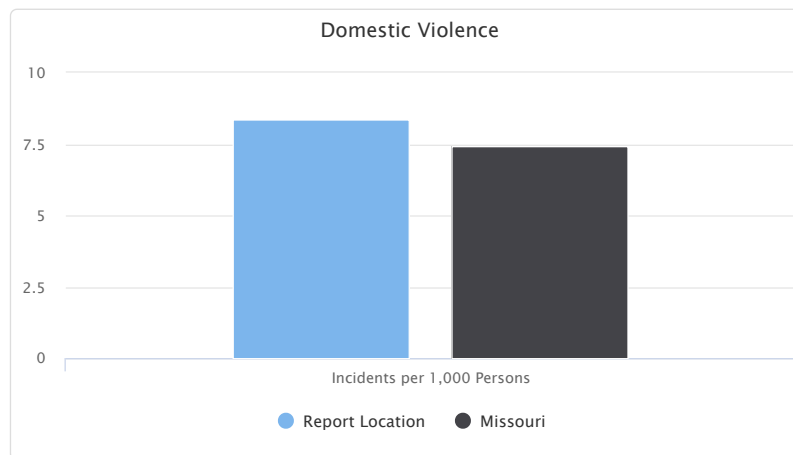


Domestic Violence

Reported incidents of domestic violence within the report area are shown in the table. According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Uniform Crime Reporting Program, a total of 878 incidents were reported in 2018.

Report Area	Spouses	Former Spouses	With Children in Common	Related by Blood	Related by Marriage	Not Married, Residing Together	Not Married, Formerly Residing Together	Total Number of Reported Incidents	Incidents per 1,000 Persons
Report Location	172	30	36	188	26	168	17	878	8.35
Butler County, MO	100	12	20	140	11	65	11	563	13.23
Carter County, MO	1	0	2	4	1	4	0	12	1.97
Dent County, MO	18	4	1	10	3	15	2	55	3.54
Reynolds County, MO	3	0	1	0	0	2	0	7	1.12
Ripley County, MO	37	10	9	28	3	52	2	171	12.68
Shannon County, MO	2	4	0	2	0	0	1	10	1.22
Wayne County, MO	11	0	3	4	8	30	1	60	4.59
Missouri	7,602	940	5,387	9,692	1,246	8,752	1,374	45,434	7.42

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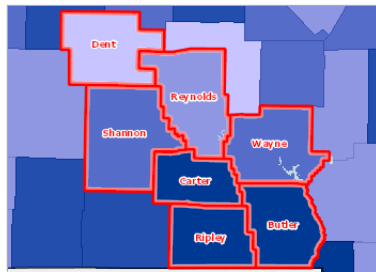


Violent Crime

Occurrences of violent crime within the report area are shown in the below table. According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Uniform Crime Reporting Program, a total of 11 murders, 1 incidents of involuntary manslaughter, 312 assaults, 22 armed robberies, and 25 rapes and attempted rapes took place in 2018.

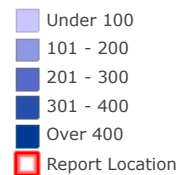
Report Area	Homicide	Involuntary Manslaughter	Aggravated Assault	Armed Robbery	Forcible Rape	Attempted Rape	Total Violent Crimes
Report Location	11	1	312	22	24	1	371
Butler County, MO	4	0	198	21	17	0	240
Carter County, MO	1	0	26	0	1	0	28
Dent County, MO	0	0	4	1	1	0	6
Reynolds County, MO	1	0	7	0	1	1	10
Ripley County, MO	2	0	31	0	2	0	35
Shannon County, MO	0	1	18	0	0	0	19
Wayne County, MO	3	0	28	0	2	0	33
Missouri	596	21	21,809	5,197	2,755	136	30,514

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Violent Crimes, Rate (Per 100,000 Pop.) by County, MO State Highway Patrol 2017

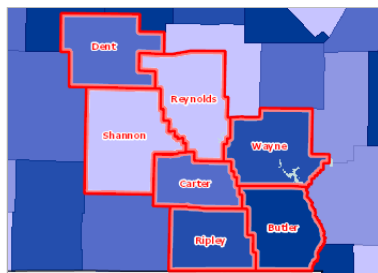


Property Crime

Occurrences of property crime within the report area are shown in the table below. According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Uniform Crime Reporting Program, a total of 682 burglaries, 1,793 larcenies, 208 automotive thefts, and 16 incidents of arson were reported in 2018.

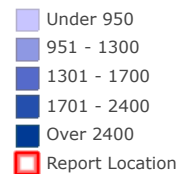
Report Area	Burglaries	Larcenies	Auto Theft	Arson	Property Crimes Total
Report Location	682	1,793	208	16	2,699
Butler County, MO	455	1,270	140	9	1,874
Carter County, MO	41	55	8	0	104
Dent County, MO	46	171	12	1	230
Reynolds County, MO	13	18	3	1	35
Ripley County, MO	44	127	16	1	188
Shannon County, MO	12	24	6	4	46
Wayne County, MO	71	128	23	0	222
Missouri	27,101	114,408	19,676	1,062	162,247

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Property Crimes, Rate (Per 100,000 Pop.) by County, MO State Highway Patrol 2017

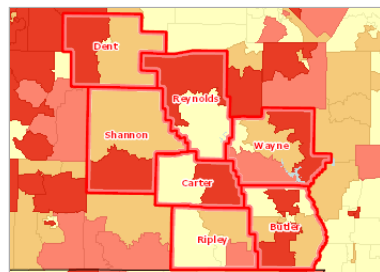


Veterans, Age and Gender Demographics

Veterans, Age and Gender Demographics show the number of veterans living in the report area. According to the American Community Survey (ACS), 10.39% of the adult population in the report area are veterans, which is more than the national average of 7.07%.

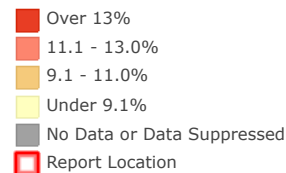
Report Area	Veterans Total	Veterans Male	Veterans Female	% Pop over 18 Total	% Pop over 18 Males	% Pop over 18 Females
Report Location	8,466	7,961	505	10.39%	20.09%	1.21%
Butler County, MO	3,200	2,892	308	9.85%	18.65%	1.81%
Carter County, MO	503	491	12	10.97%	21.41%	0.52%
Dent County, MO	1,365	1,297	68	11.33%	21.98%	1.11%
Reynolds County, MO	532	506	26	10.42%	19.26%	1.05%
Ripley County, MO	887	848	39	8.50%	16.76%	0.73%
Shannon County, MO	814	775	39	12.65%	24.74%	1.18%
Wayne County, MO	1,165	1,152	13	11.18%	22.54%	0.24%
Missouri	391,513	359,593	31,920	8.28%	15.75%	1.31%
United States	17,835,456	16,207,488	1,627,968	7.07%	13.24%	1.25%

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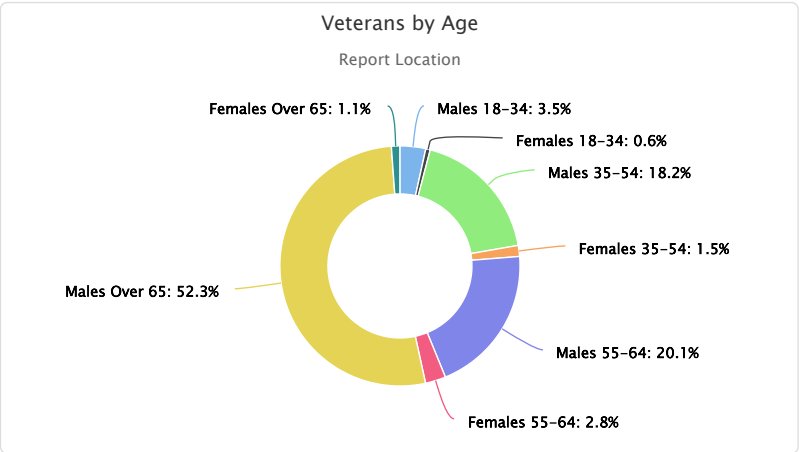
Veterans, Percent of Total Population by Tract, ACS 2016-20



Veterans by Age

Report Area	Veteran Age Males 18-34	Veteran Age Females 18-34	Veteran Age Males 35-54	Veteran Age Females 35-54	Veteran Age Males 55-64	Veteran Age Females 55-64	Veteran Age Males Over 65	Veteran Age Females Over 65
Report Location	294	50	1,541	125	1,700	234	4,426	96
Butler County, MO	104	35	561	106	607	120	1,620	47
Carter County, MO	0	8	103	0	191	0	197	4
Dent County, MO	54	0	280	10	244	48	719	10
Reynolds County, MO	4	0	44	6	116	20	342	0
Ripley County, MO	62	7	161	3	180	9	445	20
Shannon County, MO	34	0	256	0	176	24	309	15
Wayne County, MO	36	0	136	0	186	13	794	0
Missouri	26,054	5,210	73,226	12,331	64,317	8,042	195,996	6,337
United States	1,286,895	282,027	3,531,981	642,744	2,796,648	379,972	8,591,964	323,225

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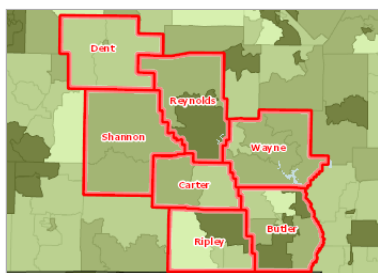


Population Geographic Mobility

Information about population in-migration are calculated by assessing changes in residence within a one year period. Of the 104,194 persons residing in the report area, an estimated 5.49% relocated to the area, according to the latest American Community Survey 5-year estimates. Persons who moved to a new household from outside of their current county of residence, from outside their state of residence, or from abroad are considered part of the in-migrated population. Persons who moved to a new household from a different household within their current county of residence are not included.

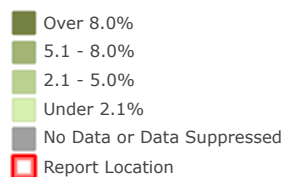
Report Area	Total Population	Population In-Migration	Percent Population In-Migration
Report Location	104,194	5,720	5.49%
Butler County, MO	42,087	2,754	6.54%
Carter County, MO	6,073	297	4.89%
Dent County, MO	15,379	515	3.35%
Reynolds County, MO	6,255	468	7.48%
Ripley County, MO	13,443	549	4.08%
Shannon County, MO	8,049	484	6.01%
Wayne County, MO	12,908	653	5.06%
Missouri	6,052,441	409,783	6.77%
United States	322,943,283	19,816,812	6.14%

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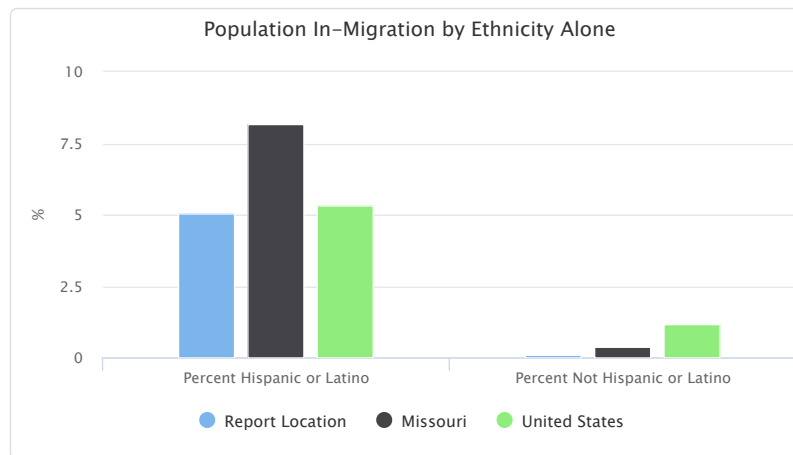
Population Migrated from Outside of the County, State, or Country, Percent of Total Population by Tract, ACS 2016-20



Population In-Migration by Ethnicity Alone

Report Area	Total Hispanic or Latino	Total Not Hispanic or Latino	Percent Hispanic or Latino	Percent Not Hispanic or Latino
Report Location	105	5,615	5.03%	0.10%
Butler County, MO	93	2,661	10.30%	0.23%
Carter County, MO	0	297	0.00%	0.00%
Dent County, MO	0	515	0.00%	0.00%
Reynolds County, MO	0	468	0.00%	0.00%
Ripley County, MO	0	549	0.00%	0.00%
Shannon County, MO	0	484	0.00%	0.00%
Wayne County, MO	12	641	4.84%	0.09%
Missouri	21,059	388,724	8.20%	0.36%
United States	3,103,554	16,713,258	5.31%	1.17%

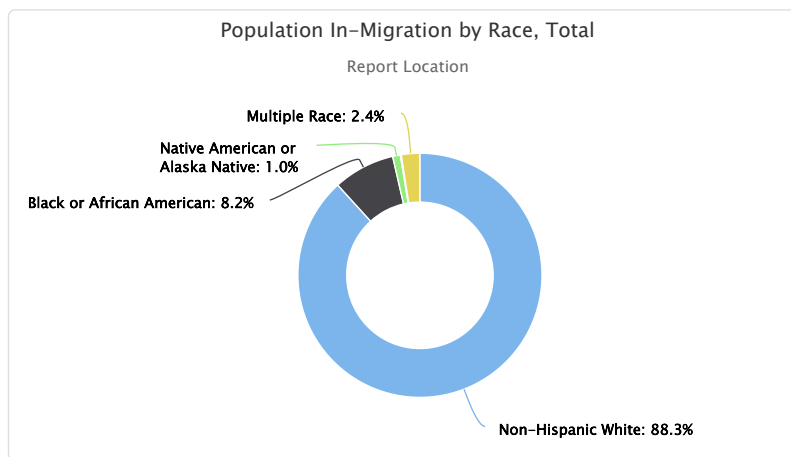
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Population In-Migration by Race, Total

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Report Location	5,048	467	58	7	0	0	140
Butler County, MO	2,302	365	45	7	0	0	35
Carter County, MO	294	3	0	0	0	0	0
Dent County, MO	498	11	0	0	0	0	6
Reynolds County, MO	388	26	2	0	0	0	52
Ripley County, MO	464	45	0	0	0	0	40
Shannon County, MO	484	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wayne County, MO	618	17	11	0	0	0	7
Missouri	314,754	49,918	2,657	15,979	1,306	6,367	18,802
United States	13,518,880	2,587,540	169,353	1,528,757	45,204	832,498	1,134,580

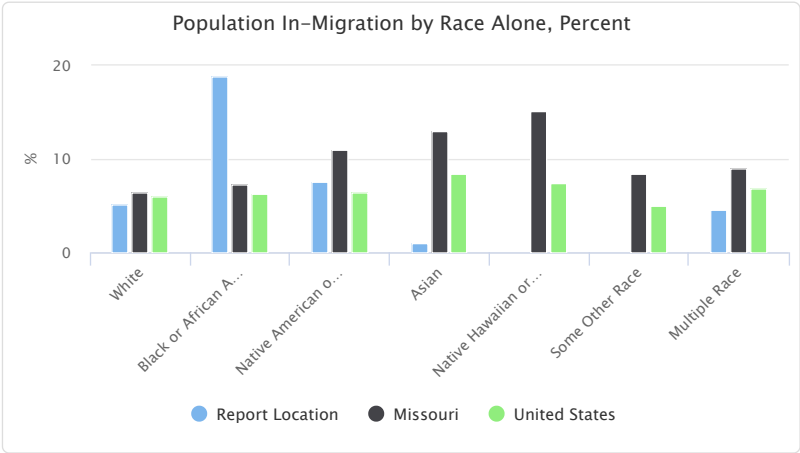
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Population In-Migration by Race Alone, Percent

Report Area	White	Black or African American	Native American or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Report Location	5.21%	18.79%	7.57%	1.06%	0.00%	0.00%	4.63%
Butler County, MO	6.07%	17.23%	15.68%	1.85%	0.00%	0.00%	2.73%
Carter County, MO	5.08%	60.00%	0.00%	No data	No data	No data	0.00%
Dent County, MO	3.45%	11.00%	0.00%	0.00%	No data	0.00%	1.15%
Reynolds County, MO	6.62%	31.71%	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	21.76%
Ripley County, MO	3.59%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.62%
Shannon County, MO	6.30%	0.00%	0.00%	No data	No data	No data	0.00%
Wayne County, MO	5.03%	21.52%	40.74%	0.00%	No data	0.00%	1.77%
Missouri	6.39%	7.23%	11.03%	13.05%	15.18%	8.46%	9.02%
United States	5.94%	6.35%	6.38%	8.38%	7.49%	5.03%	6.88%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2016-20. → Show more details

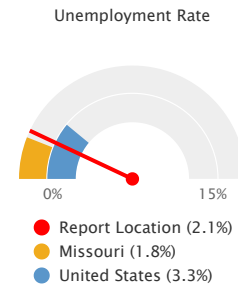


Employment

Current Unemployment

Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for each county in the report area is provided in the table below. Overall, the report area experienced an average 2.1% unemployment rate in September 2022.

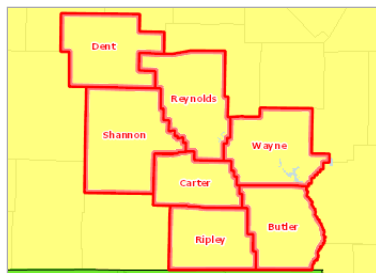
Report Area	Labor Force	Number Employed	Number Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Report Location	42,867	41,949	918	2.1%
Butler County, MO	18,063	17,710	353	2.0%
Carter County, MO	2,551	2,499	52	2.0%
Dent County, MO	6,246	6,110	136	2.2%
Reynolds County, MO	2,900	2,835	65	2.2%
Ripley County, MO	5,069	4,953	116	2.3%
Shannon County, MO	3,357	3,278	79	2.4%
Wayne County, MO	4,681	4,564	117	2.5%
Missouri	3,058,187	3,001,851	56,336	1.8%
United States	164,462,664	159,003,147	5,459,518	3.3%



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

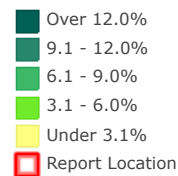
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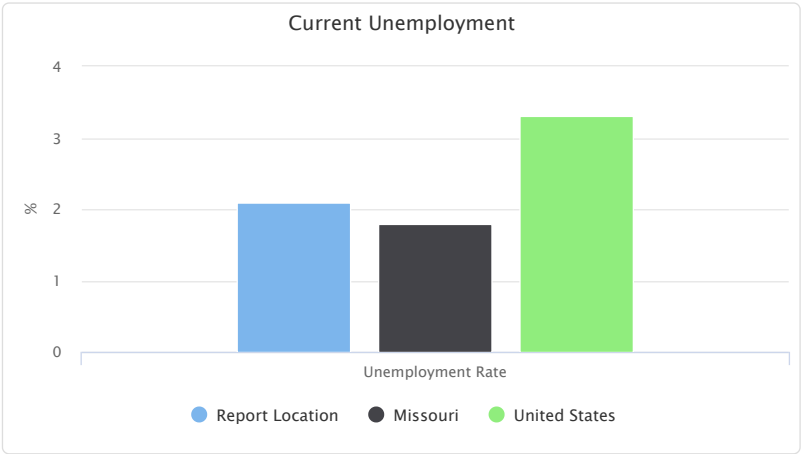
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Unemployment, Rate by County, BLS 2022 - September





Unemployment Change

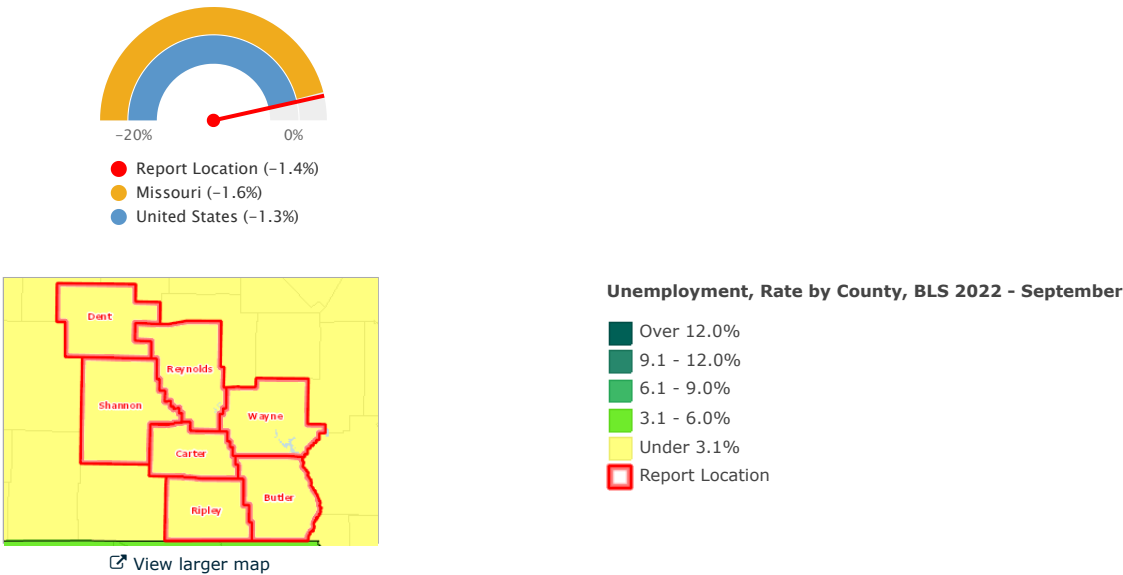
Unemployment change within the report area from September 2021 to September 2022 is shown in the chart below. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, unemployment for this one year period fell from 3.5% to 2.1%.

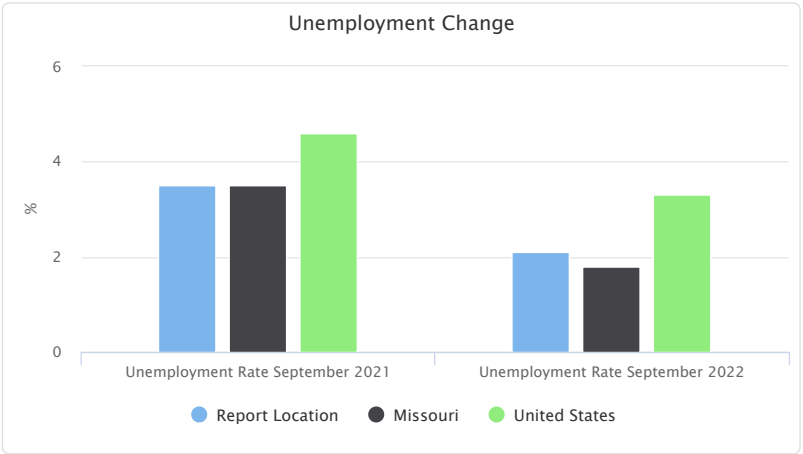
Report Area	Unemployment September 2021	Unemployment September 2022	Unemployment Rate September 2021	Unemployment Rate September 2022	Rate Change
Report Location	1,517	918	3.5%	2.1%	-1.4%
Butler County, MO	606	353	3.4%	2.0%	-1.4%
Carter County, MO	90	52	3.5%	2.0%	-1.5%
Dent County, MO	208	136	3.4%	2.2%	-1.2%
Reynolds County, MO	100	65	3.4%	2.2%	-1.2%
Ripley County, MO	211	116	4.2%	2.3%	-1.9%
Shannon County, MO	126	79	3.8%	2.4%	-1.4%
Wayne County, MO	176	117	3.7%	2.5%	-1.2%
Missouri	106,630	56,336	3.5%	1.8%	-1.6%
United States	7,492,612	5,459,518	4.6%	3.3%	-1.3%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2022 - September. Source geography: County → Show more details

Rate Change



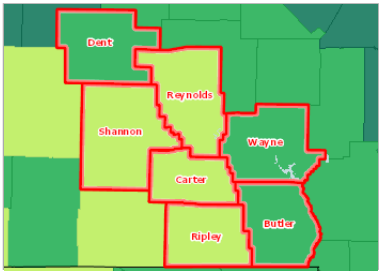


Household Income

Median annual household incomes in the report area for 2020 are shown in the table below. Since this reports a median amount, a "Report Area" value is not able to be calculated.

Report Area	Estimated Population	Median Household Income
Butler County, MO	41,401	\$42,099
Carter County, MO	5,936	\$38,854
Dent County, MO	15,291	\$44,057
Reynolds County, MO	6,067	\$39,089
Ripley County, MO	13,183	\$37,771
Shannon County, MO	8,124	\$37,599
Wayne County, MO	12,616	\$43,848
Missouri	5,992,702	\$58,812
United States	322,448,689	\$67,340

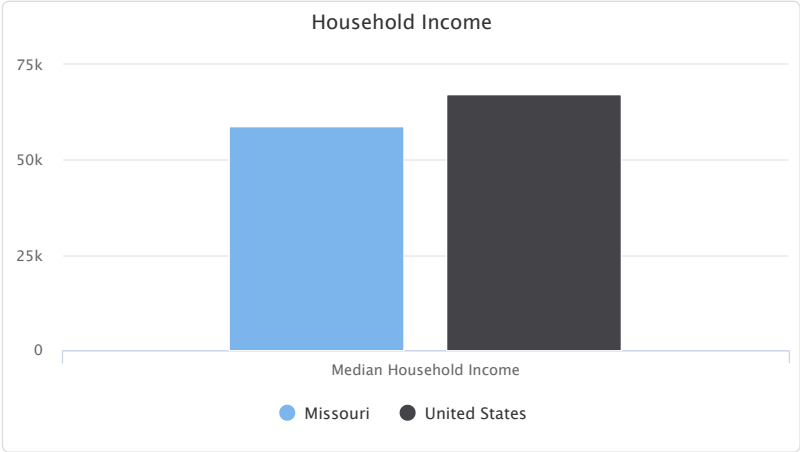
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Median Household Income by County, SAIPE 2020

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- \$40,001 - \$50,000
- \$50,001 - \$60,000
- Over \$60,000
- Report Location

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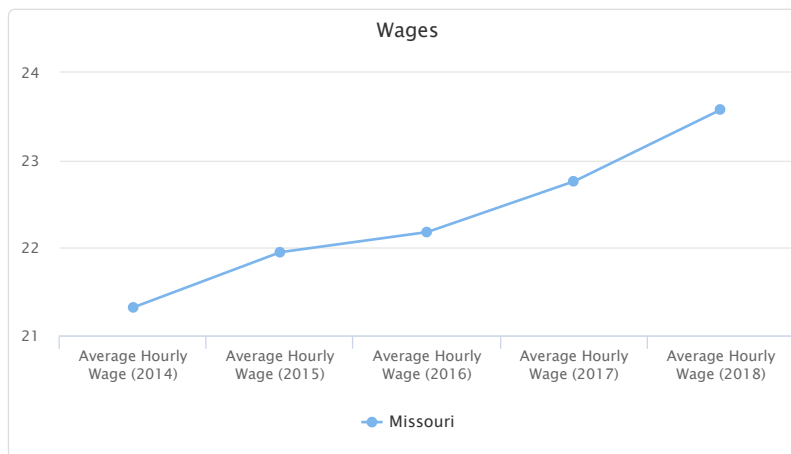


Wages

Average hourly and annual wages in the selected county(s) for the last five years are shown below. Due to limitations of the data, there is no calculation for average hourly or average annual wage for the report area.

Report Area	Average Hourly Wage (2014)	Average Annual Wage (2014)	Average Hourly Wage (2015)	Average Annual Wage (2015)	Average Hourly Wage (2016)	Average Annual Wage (2016)	Average Hourly Wage (2017)	Average Annual Wage (2017)	Average Hourly Wage (2018)	Average Annual Wage (2018)
Butler County, MO	\$15.24	\$31,693	\$15.55	\$32,348	\$15.73	\$32,724.00	\$16.28	\$33,856.00	\$16.41	\$34,132.00
Carter County, MO	\$11.92	\$24,803	\$12.35	\$25,694	\$12.30	\$25,587.00	\$12.93	\$26,904.00	\$12.91	\$26,854.00
Dent County, MO	\$13.39	\$27,853	\$13.63	\$28,354	\$13.98	\$29,075.00	\$14.14	\$29,401.00	\$14.56	\$30,291.00
Reynolds County, MO	\$11.79	\$24,528	\$11.94	\$24,833	\$11.85	\$24,640.00	\$15.66	\$32,571.00	\$16.47	\$34,262.00
Ripley County, MO	\$10.91	\$22,691	\$11.31	\$23,515	\$11.23	\$23,354.00	\$11.65	\$24,230.00	\$12.28	\$25,539.00
Shannon County, MO	\$10.14	\$21,083	\$10.93	\$22,730	\$11.25	\$23,390.00	\$11.81	\$24,572.00	\$12.32	\$25,622.00
Wayne County, MO	\$10.85	\$22,566	\$11.35	\$23,604	\$11.90	\$24,742.00	\$12.30	\$25,579.00	\$12.24	\$25,455.00
Missouri	\$21.32	\$44,346	\$21.95	\$45,654	\$22.18	\$46,125.00	\$22.76	\$47,351.00	\$23.58	\$49,050.00

Data Source: Missouri Department of Economic Development, *Missouri Economic Research and Information Center*. Source geography: County → [Show more details](#)



Living Wage

The living wage shown is the hourly rate that an individual must earn to support their family, if they are the sole provider and are working full-time (2080 hours per year). The Minimum Hourly Wage for Missouri is \$11.15.

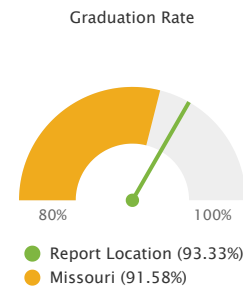
Report Area	One Adult	One Adult One Child	Two Adults	Two Adults One Child	Two Adults Two Children
Butler County, MO	\$13.80	\$27.14	\$11.29	\$15.17	\$19.13
Carter County, MO	\$13.90	\$26.63	\$11.27	\$14.91	\$18.64
Dent County, MO	\$13.90	\$26.63	\$11.27	\$14.91	\$18.64
Reynolds County, MO	\$13.90	\$26.63	\$11.27	\$14.91	\$18.64
Ripley County, MO	\$13.90	\$26.63	\$11.30	\$14.91	\$18.64
Shannon County, MO	\$13.76	\$26.63	\$11.27	\$14.91	\$18.64
Wayne County, MO	\$14.02	\$27.36	\$11.27	\$15.27	\$19.37
Missouri	\$14.93	\$29.40	\$11.86	\$16.30	\$20.77

Data Source: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, *Living Wage Calculator*. Source geography: County → [Show more details](#)

High School Graduation Rates

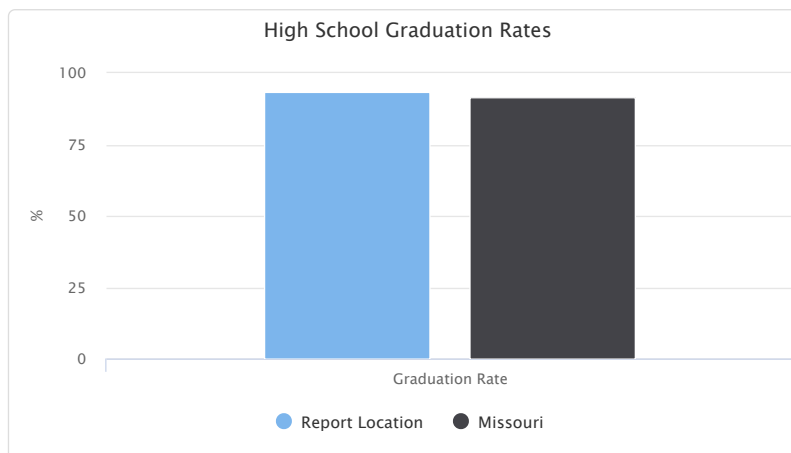
The number of 2019 high school graduates and the graduation rate in the report area are shown in the table. The report area average graduation rate was 93.33%, compared to the statewide rate of 91.58%

Report Area	Enrollment	Graduates	Graduation Rate
Report Location	1,049	979	93.33%
Butler County, MO	431	400	92.81%
Carter County, MO	91	89	97.80%
Dent County, MO	129	124	96.12%
Reynolds County, MO	71	65	91.55%
Ripley County, MO	141	126	89.36%
Shannon County, MO	45	44	97.78%
Wayne County, MO	141	131	92.91%
Missouri	64,770	59,317	91.58%



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. Accessed via KIDS COUNT data center. 2019. Source geography: County → [Show more details](#)



Child Care Costs

For the 2018 Market Rate Survey, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, which is responsible for licensing childcare facilities, provided a list of all licensed facilities. Surveys were made available online to 2,957 providers. Providers were notified by multiple email messages. A total of 1,343 surveys were completed and providers were offered a modest incentive to enhance participation.

Surveys returned with no rate for a given category of care had no influence on calculating rate information for that type of care. Because of this, the total number of surveys for each type of care and classification varies depending on the number of providers that reported a rate for that type of care.

Caution should be used in interpreting results where there are few responses in a given geographical area or for a certain type of care. This is especially true with respect to Group Homes. Also, keep in mind that voluntary participation introduces the potential for self-selection bias. With respect to this particular survey, providers charging more than DSS rates may have a perceived incentive to return the survey in the hope of influencing state paid rates. Providers charging below or close to the DSS rates may be more satisfied and, therefore, have less incentive to respond. In addition, only licensed providers were surveyed. It is uncertain how the inclusion of unlicensed providers may have affected the results.

County	Type of Care	Daily Average Cost Infant	Daily Average Cost Pre-School	Daily Average Cost School Age
BUTLER	Center	\$25	\$21	\$14
BUTLER	Family	\$19	\$16	\$15
BUTLER	Group	\$24	\$19	\$4
CARTER	Center	No data	\$10	No data
CARTER	Family	No data	No data	No data
CARTER	Group	No data	No data	No data
DENT	Center	\$25	\$18	\$18
DENT	Family	No data	No data	No data
DENT	Group	No data	No data	No data
REYNOLDS	Center	No data	No data	No data
REYNOLDS	Family	No data	No data	No data
REYNOLDS	Group	No data	No data	No data
RIPLEY	Center	No data	No data	No data
RIPLEY	Family	\$18	\$16	\$16
RIPLEY	Group	No data	No data	No data
SHANNON	Center	No data	No data	No data
SHANNON	Family	No data	No data	No data
SHANNON	Group	No data	No data	No data
WAYNE	Center	\$22	\$18	No data
WAYNE	Family	No data	\$17	No data
WAYNE	Group	\$20	\$17	\$15

Data Source: Missouri Department of Social Services, Child Care Market Rate Survey. Source geography: County → Show more details

Child Care Facilities

The number of licensed child care facilities and total maximum capacity of slots within the report area are shown below. According to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, there were a total of 45 licensed child care facilities in the report area in 2020, with a combined maximum capacity of 1,869 children.

Report Area	Number of Facilities	Total Maximum Capacity
Report Location	45	1,869
Butler County, MO	20	1,029
Carter County, MO	3	105
Dent County, MO	5	276
Reynolds County, MO	2	28
Ripley County, MO	7	134
Shannon County, MO	2	128
Wayne County, MO	6	169
Missouri	3,209	171,502

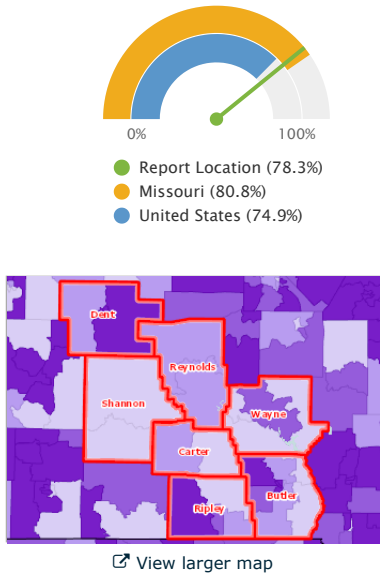
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Commuter Travel Patterns

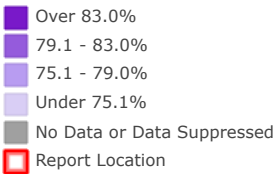
This indicator shows the method of transportation workers used to travel to work for the report area. Of the 40,507 workers in the report area, 78.3% drove to work alone while 12.3% carpoolled. 0.5% of all workers reported that they used some form of public transportation, while others used some optional means including 1.4% walking or riding bicycles, and 0.9% used taxicabs to travel to work.

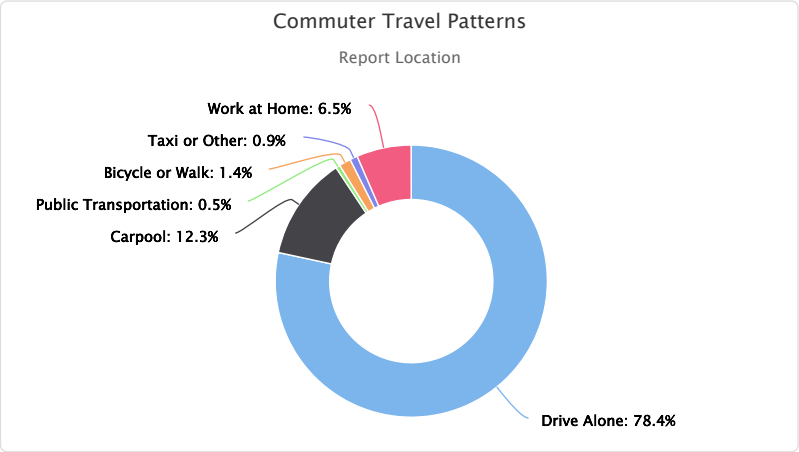
Report Area	Workers 16 and Up	Percent Drive Alone	Percent Carpool	Percent Public Transportation	Percent Bicycle or Walk	Percent Taxi or Other	Percent Work at Home
Report Location	40,507	78.3%	12.3%	0.5%	1.4%	0.9%	6.5%
Butler County, MO	16,667	79.7%	12.5%	0.7%	1.9%	0.6%	4.6%
Carter County, MO	2,563	72.8%	11.6%	0.1%	1.5%	0.1%	13.9%
Dent County, MO	6,380	86.4%	7.3%	0.3%	1.0%	0.9%	4.1%
Reynolds County, MO	2,444	78.6%	12.9%	0.2%	1.8%	3.0%	3.6%
Ripley County, MO	5,145	79.2%	9.5%	0.0%	0.6%	1.2%	9.5%
Shannon County, MO	2,943	71.0%	15.2%	1.3%	1.2%	1.2%	10.3%
Wayne County, MO	4,365	68.3%	20.3%	0.4%	1.2%	0.9%	8.9%
Missouri	2,897,593	80.8%	8.4%	1.2%	2.1%	1.0%	6.6%
United States	153,665,654	74.9%	8.9%	4.6%	3.1%	1.3%	7.3%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2016-20. Source geography: County → Show more details



Workers Traveling to Work by Car Alone, Percent by Tract, ACS 2016-20





Non-Hispanic Commuters

Report Area	Workers 16 and Up	Travel by Car	Use Public Transit	Bike/Walk	Work from Home
Report Location	40,507	90.64%	0.49%	2.34%	6.53%
Butler County, MO	16,667	92.25%	0.71%	2.48%	4.55%
Carter County, MO	2,563	84.35%	0.08%	1.64%	13.93%
Dent County, MO	6,380	93.68%	0.28%	1.90%	4.14%
Reynolds County, MO	2,444	91.41%	0.16%	4.79%	3.64%
Ripley County, MO	5,145	88.71%	0.00%	1.85%	9.45%
Shannon County, MO	2,943	86.10%	1.29%	2.34%	10.26%
Wayne County, MO	4,365	88.61%	0.44%	2.02%	8.93%
Missouri	2,775,034	89.20%	1.15%	3.02%	6.63%
United States	127,097,283	83.67%	4.28%	4.27%	7.78%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2016-20. → Show more details

White Non-Hispanic Commuters

Report Area	Workers 16 and Up	Travel by Car	Use Public Transit	Bike/Walk	Work from Home
Report Location	35,432	89.99%	0.45%	2.38%	7.19%
Butler County, MO	17,467	93.01%	0.54%	2.27%	4.18%
Carter County, MO	1,860	78.60%	0.11%	2.10%	19.19%
Dent County, MO	5,305	92.93%	0.21%	2.00%	4.86%
Reynolds County, MO	2,125	91.67%	1.27%	2.96%	4.09%
Ripley County, MO	3,324	84.12%	0.00%	1.84%	14.05%
Shannon County, MO	2,231	83.33%	0.49%	4.66%	11.52%
Wayne County, MO	3,120	84.74%	0.42%	2.34%	12.50%
Missouri	2,363,891	90.03%	0.53%	2.72%	6.71%
United States	95,588,361	84.95%	2.82%	3.98%	8.25%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2016-20. → Show more details

Hispanic Commuters

Report Area	Workers 16 and Up	Travel by Car	Use Public Transit	Bike/Walk	Work from Home
Report Location	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Butler County, MO	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
Carter County, MO	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
Dent County, MO	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
Reynolds County, MO	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
Ripley County, MO	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
Shannon County, MO	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
Wayne County, MO	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
Missouri	122,559	89.10%	1.32%	4.71%	4.87%
United States	27,568,467	84.54%	5.89%	4.90%	4.68%

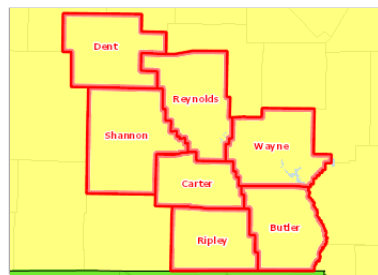
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Thirteen Month Unemployment Rates

Unemployment change within the report area from September 2021 to September 2022 is shown in the chart below.

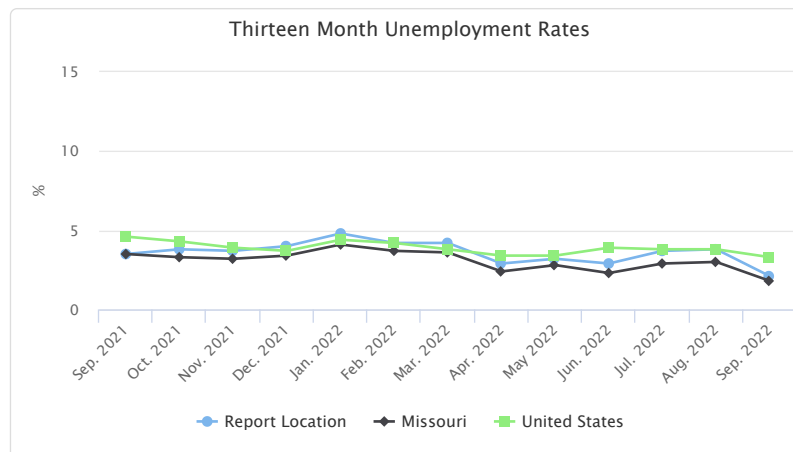
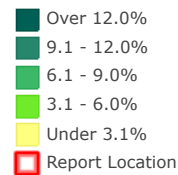
Report Area	Sep. 2021	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2021	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2022	Feb. 2022	Mar. 2022	Apr. 2022	May 2022	Jun. 2022	Jul. 2022	Aug. 2022	Sep. 2022
Report Location	3.5%	3.8%	3.7%	4.0%	4.8%	4.2%	4.2%	2.9%	3.2%	2.9%	3.7%	3.8%	2.1%
Butler County, MO	3.4%	3.5%	3.4%	3.7%	4.4%	3.9%	3.8%	2.6%	3.0%	2.8%	3.5%	3.6%	2.0%
Carter County, MO	3.5%	4.1%	4.1%	4.3%	5.8%	5.6%	5.1%	3.4%	3.4%	3.2%	4.1%	3.7%	2.0%
Dent County, MO	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.8%	4.4%	3.9%	4.1%	2.8%	3.3%	2.9%	3.4%	3.7%	2.2%
Reynolds County, MO	3.4%	3.7%	3.6%	3.7%	4.3%	3.5%	3.8%	2.6%	2.9%	2.6%	3.2%	3.4%	2.2%
Ripley County, MO	4.2%	4.3%	4.2%	4.3%	5.1%	4.5%	4.5%	3.0%	3.4%	3.0%	4.0%	4.4%	2.3%
Shannon County, MO	3.8%	4.1%	4.5%	5.1%	6.0%	5.3%	5.2%	3.5%	3.7%	3.3%	4.3%	4.1%	2.4%
Wayne County, MO	3.7%	4.1%	4.1%	4.3%	5.2%	4.8%	4.8%	3.3%	3.6%	3.1%	4.1%	4.3%	2.5%
Missouri	3.5%	3.3%	3.2%	3.4%	4.1%	3.7%	3.6%	2.4%	2.8%	2.3%	2.9%	3.0%	1.8%
United States	4.6%	4.3%	3.9%	3.7%	4.4%	4.2%	3.8%	3.4%	3.4%	3.9%	3.8%	3.8%	3.3%

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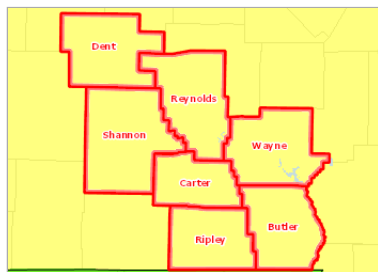


Five Year Unemployment Rate

Unemployment change within the report area from September 2018 to September 2022 is shown in the chart below. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, unemployment for this five year period fell from 3.5% to 2.1%.

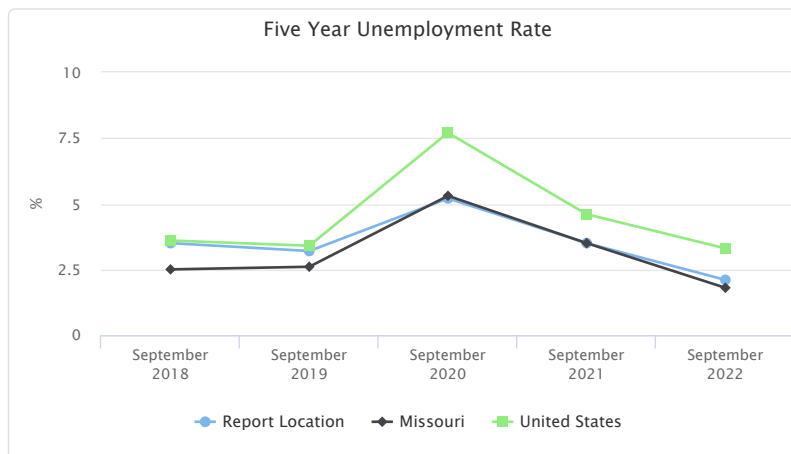
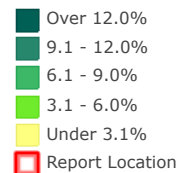
Report Area	September 2018	September 2019	September 2020	September 2021	September 2022
Report Location	3.5%	3.2%	5.2%	3.5%	2.1%
Butler County, MO	3.6%	3.2%	5.1%	3.4%	2.0%
Carter County, MO	3.3%	3.5%	4.6%	3.5%	2.0%
Dent County, MO	2.6%	2.7%	4.0%	3.4%	2.2%
Reynolds County, MO	2.4%	2.8%	5.2%	3.4%	2.2%
Ripley County, MO	3.9%	3.4%	7.0%	4.2%	2.3%
Shannon County, MO	4.1%	3.6%	5.3%	3.8%	2.4%
Wayne County, MO	4.0%	3.4%	5.1%	3.7%	2.5%
Missouri	2.5%	2.6%	5.3%	3.5%	1.8%
United States	3.6%	3.4%	7.7%	4.6%	3.3%

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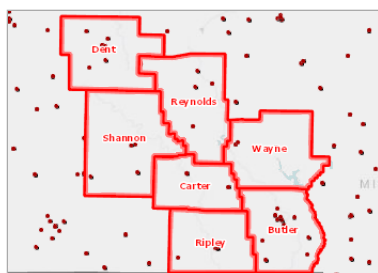
Public School Districts

Enrollment, dropout rate and English proficiency by school district are shown in the table below.

District	County	Additional Counties	Enrollment K-12	Dropout Rate	ELL/LEP
NEELYVILLE R-IV	Butler	Ripley	605	0	0
POPLAR BLUFF R-I	Butler	No data	4,947	2.4	8
TWIN RIVERS R-X	Butler	Stoddard	883	0	0
EAST CARTER CO. R-II	Carter	Butler, Wayne, Ripley	665	0	0
VAN BUREN R-I	Carter	Reynolds	464	0	0
DENT-PHELPS R-III	Dent	Phelps	236	No data	0
GREEN FOREST R-II	Dent	No data	186	No data	0
NORTH WOOD R-IV	Dent	Crawford	193	No data	0
OAK HILL R-I	Dent	Shannon	132	No data	0
SALEM R-80	Dent	No data	1,340	0	6
BUNKER R-III	Reynolds	Shannon, Dent	216	0	0
CENTERVILLE R-I	Reynolds	No data	67	No data	0
LESTERVILLE R-IV	Reynolds	No data	251	0	0
SOUTHERN REYNOLDS CO. R-II	Reynolds	Shannon	464	0	0
DONIPHAN R-I	Ripley	No data	1,521	4.9	0
NAYLOR R-II	Ripley	Butler	398	0	0
RIPLEY CO. R-III	Ripley	No data	67	No data	0
RIPLEY CO. R-IV	Ripley	No data	111	No data	0
EMINENCE R-I	Shannon	No data	272	0	0
MOUNTAIN VIEW-BIRCH TREE R-III	Shannon	Howell, Texas	1,240	0	5
WINONA R-III	Shannon	Carter, Oregon	419	0	0
CLEARWATER R-I	Wayne	Reynolds, Madison	923	0	0
GREENVILLE R-II	Wayne	Butler	746	0	0

Data Source: US Census Bureau, Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing. Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. Accessed via KIDS COUNT data center. 2019. Source geography: County.

* This county is not in the report area, but includes a school district overlapping the report area. → [Show more details](#)



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Public Schools, Location by Address, DESE-MO 2018

- Public Schools, Location by Address, DESE-MO 2018
- Report Location

Colleges, Universities and Trade Schools

The number of colleges, universities, and trade Schools in the report area are shown below.

Report Area	Colleges, Universities, and Trade Schools
Report Location	2
Butler County, MO	2
Carter County, MO	0
Dent County, MO	0
Reynolds County, MO	0
Ripley County, MO	0
Shannon County, MO	0
Wayne County, MO	0
Missouri	162

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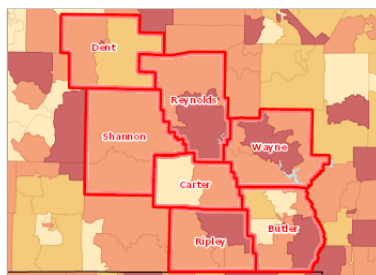
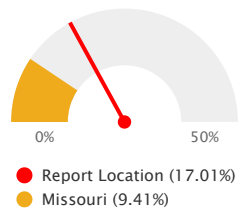
Educational Attainment

The table below shows the distribution of educational attainment levels in the report area. Educational attainment is calculated for persons over 25, and is an average for the period from 2016 to 2020 compared to data collected in the 2000 Census.

Report Area	No High School Diploma 2000	No High School Diploma 2020	High School Only 2000	High School Only 2020	Bachelors 2000	Bachelors 2020	Graduate or Professional 2000	Graduate or Professional 2020
Report Location	33.40%	17.01%	35.49%	40.66%	5.92%	8.29%	3.73%	4.70%
Butler County, MO	29.45%	15.97%	34.31%	38.97%	6.32%	7.99%	5.28%	5.01%
Carter County, MO	33.41%	13.79%	35.25%	49.15%	7.63%	9.68%	3.18%	5.48%
Dent County, MO	33.67%	16.08%	35.86%	39.15%	7.03%	8.82%	3.09%	6.09%
Reynolds County, MO	34.81%	21.07%	39.70%	36.93%	4.90%	11.76%	2.58%	3.67%
Ripley County, MO	37.85%	18.30%	33.11%	40.29%	4.55%	7.29%	3.22%	3.52%
Shannon County, MO	32.40%	17.95%	43.13%	45.23%	5.30%	8.71%	2.28%	5.74%
Wayne County, MO	40.30%	18.79%	34.31%	43.34%	4.92%	7.07%	1.91%	2.83%
Missouri	18.67%	9.41%	32.72%	30.55%	13.97%	18.44%	7.61%	11.50%

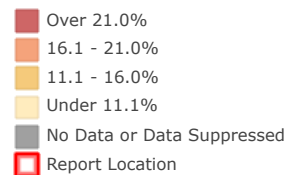
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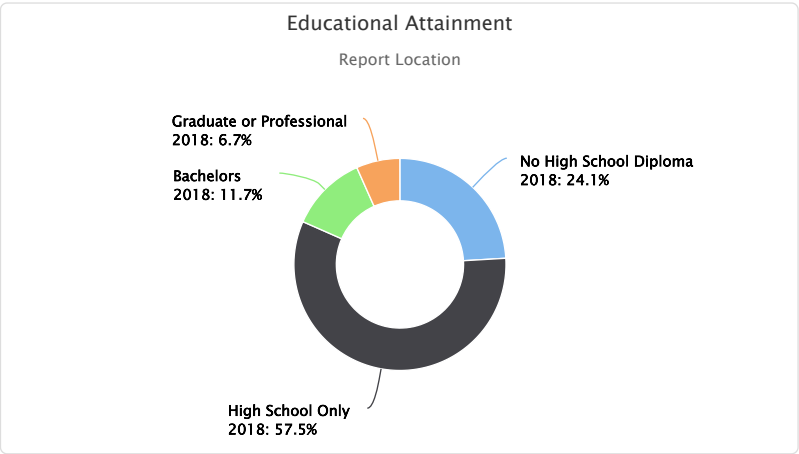
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No High School Degree: 2016



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Population with No High School Diploma (Age 18+), Percent by Tract, ACS 2016-20





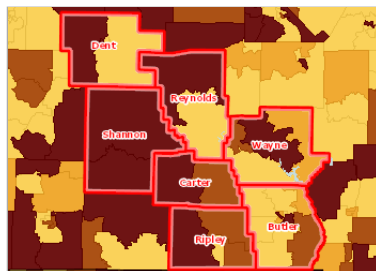
Veterans - Educational Attainment

Veterans Educational Attainment contrasts the distribution of educational attainment levels between military veterans and non-veterans in the region. Educational attainment is calculated for persons over 25, and is an estimated average for the period from 2016 to 2020.

Report Area	Veterans % No Diploma	Veterans % High School Diploma	Veterans % Some College Diploma	Veterans % Bachelors or Higher Diploma	Non-Veterans % No Diploma	Non-Veterans % High School Diploma	Non-Veterans % Some College Diploma	Non-Veterans % Bachelors or Higher Diploma
Report Location	12.53%	40.46%	32.30%	14.71%	17.59%	40.69%	28.98%	12.75%
Butler County, MO	8.88%	40.01%	37.41%	13.70%	16.82%	38.84%	31.42%	12.92%
Carter County, MO	14.91%	39.96%	35.59%	9.54%	13.70%	50.70%	20.07%	15.53%
Dent County, MO	12.01%	37.51%	24.40%	26.08%	16.65%	39.38%	30.63%	13.34%
Reynolds County, MO	20.08%	41.10%	19.51%	19.32%	21.20%	36.41%	27.45%	14.94%
Ripley County, MO	11.94%	50.70%	34.31%	3.04%	18.93%	39.26%	30.24%	11.57%
Shannon County, MO	22.48%	26.29%	35.14%	16.09%	17.22%	48.28%	20.31%	14.19%
Wayne County, MO	12.02%	47.47%	28.67%	11.85%	19.72%	42.77%	27.87%	9.63%
Missouri	6.40%	32.27%	36.67%	24.67%	9.74%	30.43%	29.39%	30.44%
United States	5.58%	27.70%	37.33%	29.39%	12.02%	26.62%	28.16%	33.20%

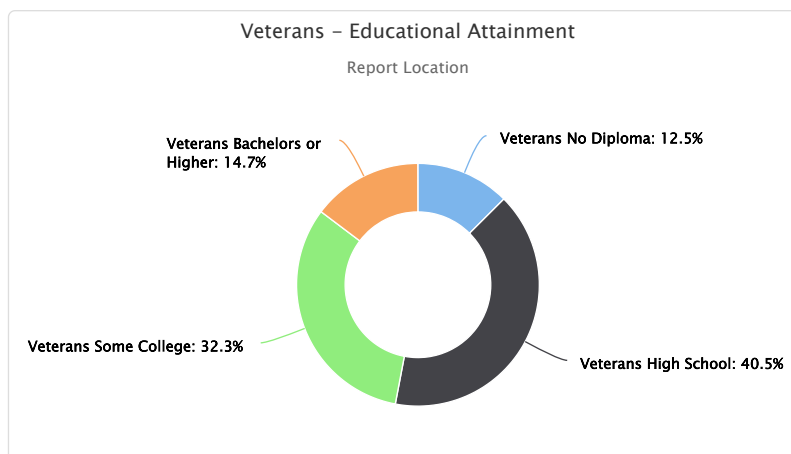
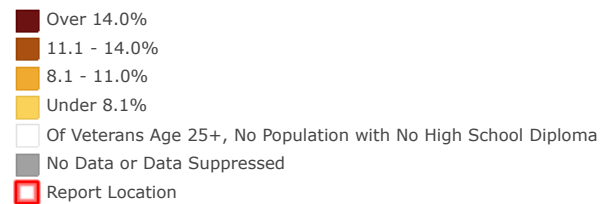
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No High School Diploma, Veterans, Percent by Tract, ACS 2016-20



Adult Literacy

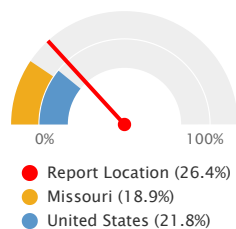
Literacy data published by the Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIACC) breaks adult literacy into three different "Levels". Those reported as Level 1 are at risk for being able to understand printed material. Those at the upper end of Level 1 can read and understand the text well enough to be able to perform small task, but might have difficulty understanding or drawing inferences from multiple forms of text. Those at the lower end may struggle with basic vocabulary or even be functionally illiterate.

The percentage at or below Level 1 for literacy in the report area is estimated at 26.4%, with a 95% probability that the actual (true, unknown) percentage is between 22% and 31%.

Report Area	Population Ages 16-74	Total At or Below Level 1	At or Below Level 1	Total Lower Credible Interval	Lower Credible Interval	Total Upper Credible Interval	Upper Credible Interval
Report Location	75,992	20,037	26.4%	16,724	22%	23,533	31%
Butler County, MO	30,598	7,374	24.1%	6,242	20.4%	8,598	28.1%
Carter County, MO	4,438	1,114	25.1%	892	20.1%	1,349	30.4%
Dent County, MO	10,978	2,942	26.8%	2,459	22.4%	3,447	31.4%
Reynolds County, MO	4,587	1,321	28.8%	1,115	24.3%	1,537	33.5%
Ripley County, MO	9,791	2,761	28.2%	2,340	23.9%	3,202	32.7%
Shannon County, MO	5,994	1,594	26.6%	1,217	20.3%	1,990	33.2%
Wayne County, MO	9,606	2,930	30.5%	2,459	25.6%	3,410	35.5%
Missouri	4,433,131	839,176	18.9%	680,962	15.4%	1,017,356	22.9%
United States	235,567,157	51,401,095	21.8%	42,569,858	18.1%	60,378,678	25.6%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics, NCES - Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies. 2017. → Show more details



Adult Literacy Level 2

Those reported at Level 2 still struggle to perform text based informational tasks, but are considered to be nearing reading proficiency. People in this literacy level can usually be able to read printed words and digital print, as well as being able to relate and make inferences from multiple pieces of information that can be pulled from more than one document. Complex evaluation and inferencing may still be too difficult.

The percentage at or below Level 2 for literacy in the report area is estimated at 40.9%, with a 95% probability that the actual (true, unknown) percentage is between 34.9% and 46.8%.

Report Area	Population Ages 16-74	Total At or Below Level 2	At or Below Level 2	Total Lower Credible Interval	Lower Credible Interval	Total Upper Credible Interval	Upper Credible Interval
Report Location	75,992	31,080	40.9%	26,526	34.9%	35,534	46.8%
Butler County, MO	30,598	11,872	38.8%	10,312	33.7%	13,402	43.8%
Carter County, MO	4,438	1,815	40.9%	1,504	33.9%	2,117	47.7%
Dent County, MO	10,978	4,819	43.9%	4,139	37.7%	5,456	49.7%
Reynolds County, MO	4,587	1,959	42.7%	1,683	36.7%	2,238	48.8%
Ripley County, MO	9,791	4,122	42.1%	3,544	36.2%	4,700	48%
Shannon County, MO	5,994	2,679	44.7%	2,164	36.1%	3,183	53.1%
Wayne County, MO	9,606	3,814	39.7%	3,180	33.1%	4,438	46.2%
Missouri	4,433,131	1,547,784	34.9%	1,319,891	29.8%	1,766,695	39.9%
United States	235,567,157	76,178,529	32.3%	64,300,451	27.3%	88,084,541	37.4%

Adult Literacy Level 3

Those reported at Level 3 still are proficient in reading. This includes being able to understand and work with multiple complex texts, while still being able to evaluate the reliability of sources. People in this level can infer complex ideas and sophisticated meanings from written documents and texts.

The percentage at or below Level 3 for literacy in the report area is estimated at 32.7%, with a 95% probability that the actual (true, unknown) percentage is between 27.2% and 38.1%.

Report Area	Population Ages 16-74	Total At or Below Level 3	At or Below Level 3	Total Lower Credible Interval	Lower Credible Interval	Total Upper Credible Interval	Upper Credible Interval
Report Location	75,992	24,840	32.7%	20,677	27.2%	28,969	38.1%
Butler County, MO	30,598	11,321	37%	9,853	32.2%	12,759	41.7%
Carter County, MO	4,438	1,509	34%	1,234	27.8%	1,789	40.3%
Dent County, MO	10,978	3,217	29.3%	2,613	23.8%	3,820	34.8%
Reynolds County, MO	4,587	1,303	28.4%	1,046	22.8%	1,555	33.9%
Ripley County, MO	9,791	2,908	29.7%	2,379	24.3%	3,437	35.1%
Shannon County, MO	5,994	1,720	28.7%	1,277	21.3%	2,170	36.2%
Wayne County, MO	9,606	2,863	29.8%	2,277	23.7%	3,439	35.8%
Missouri	4,433,131	2,046,186	46.2%	1,833,140	41.4%	2,257,093	50.9%
United States	235,567,157	107,981,194	45.8%	96,513,724	41%	119,346,496	50.7%

Child Care Costs

For the 2018 Market Rate Survey, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, which is responsible for licensing childcare facilities, provided a list of all licensed facilities. Surveys were made available online to 2,957 providers. Providers were notified by multiple email messages. A total of 1,343 surveys were completed and providers were offered a modest incentive to enhance participation.

Surveys returned with no rate for a given category of care had no influence on calculating rate information for that type of care. Because of this, the total number of surveys for each type of care and classification varies depending on the number of providers that reported a rate for that type of care.

Caution should be used in interpreting results where there are few responses in a given geographical area or for a certain type of care. This is especially true with respect to Group Homes. Also, keep in mind that voluntary participation introduces the potential for self-selection bias. With respect to this particular survey, providers charging more than DSS rates may have a perceived incentive to return the survey in the hope of influencing state paid rates. Providers charging below or close to the DSS rates may be more satisfied and, therefore, have less incentive to respond. In addition, only licensed providers were surveyed. It is uncertain how the inclusion of unlicensed providers may have affected the results.

County	Type of Care	Daily Average Cost Infant	Daily Average Cost Pre-School	Daily Average Cost School Age
BUTLER	Center	\$25	\$21	\$14
BUTLER	Family	\$19	\$16	\$15
BUTLER	Group	\$24	\$19	\$4
CARTER	Center	No data	\$10	No data
CARTER	Family	No data	No data	No data
CARTER	Group	No data	No data	No data
DENT	Center	\$25	\$18	\$18
DENT	Family	No data	No data	No data
DENT	Group	No data	No data	No data
REYNOLDS	Center	No data	No data	No data
REYNOLDS	Family	No data	No data	No data
REYNOLDS	Group	No data	No data	No data
RIPLEY	Center	No data	No data	No data
RIPLEY	Family	\$18	\$16	\$16
RIPLEY	Group	No data	No data	No data
SHANNON	Center	No data	No data	No data
SHANNON	Family	No data	No data	No data
SHANNON	Group	No data	No data	No data
WAYNE	Center	\$22	\$18	No data
WAYNE	Family	No data	\$17	No data
WAYNE	Group	\$20	\$17	\$15

Data Source: Missouri Department of Social Services, Child Care Market Rate Survey. Source geography: County → Show more details

Child Care Facilities

The number of licensed child care facilities and total maximum capacity of slots within the report area are shown below. According to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, there were a total of 45 licensed child care facilities in the report area in 2020, with a combined maximum capacity of 1,869 children.

Report Area	Number of Facilities	Total Maximum Capacity
Report Location	45	1,869
Butler County, MO	20	1,029
Carter County, MO	3	105
Dent County, MO	5	276
Reynolds County, MO	2	28
Ripley County, MO	7	134
Shannon County, MO	2	128
Wayne County, MO	6	169
Missouri	3,209	171,502

Data Source: US Department of Health & Human Services, Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services. 2019. Source geography: County → [Show more details](#)

Children with Disabilities Receiving Services

The number of students with disabilities receiving special education services categorized by age in the report area are shown in the table. According to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, a total of 2,930 students with disabilities received special education services in the report area in March, 2020.

Report Area	Ages 3 to Pre-K	Ages Kindergarten to 21	Ages 14 to 21	Ages All
Report Location	188	2,432	658	2,930
Butler County, MO	100	1,074	284	1,458
Carter County, MO	11	182	57	250
Dent County, MO	37	331	82	450
Reynolds County, MO	No data	149	46	No data
Ripley County, MO	17	282	77	376
Shannon County, MO	No data	115	38	No data
Wayne County, MO	23	299	74	396
Missouri	12,534	118,843	38,155	169,532

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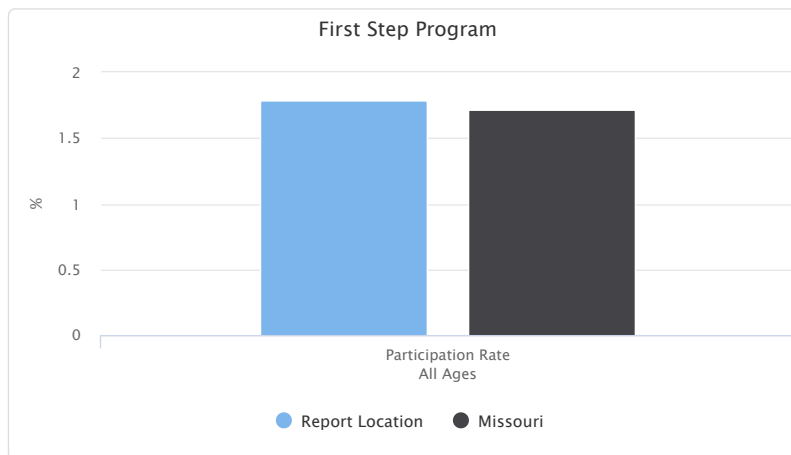
First Step Program

The number of children participating in the First Step Program and the participation rate for each age group in the report area for 2009-2010 is shown in the table. First Steps offers coordinated services and assistance to young children with special needs and their families. First Steps is designed for children, birth to age 3, who have delayed development or diagnosed conditions that are associated with developmental disabilities. According to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the average participation rate for the report area was 1.79% compared to the statewide rate of 1.72%.

Report Area	Participation Age 0-1	Participation Rate Age 0-1	Participation Age 1-2	Participation Rate Age 1-2	Participation Age 2-3	Participation Rate Age 2-3	Participation All Ages	Participation Rate All Ages
Report Location	14	1.07%	22	1.71%	34	2.60%	70	1.79%
Butler County, MO	7	1.19%	14	2.39%	16	2.83%	37	2.13%
Carter County, MO	0	0%	2	2.7%	4	4.3%	6	2.44%
Dent County, MO	2	1.13%	2	1.18%	3	1.49%	7	1.28%
Reynolds County, MO	0	0%	1	1.79%	2	3.13%	3	1.71%
Ripley County, MO	1	0.58%	2	1.2%	6	3.97%	9	1.84%
Shannon County, MO	1	0.98%	0	0%	1	0.92%	2	0.65%
Wayne County, MO	3	2.24%	1	0.73%	2	1.57%	6	1.51%
Missouri	676	0.84%	1,339	1.63%	2,185	2.66%	4,200	1.72%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

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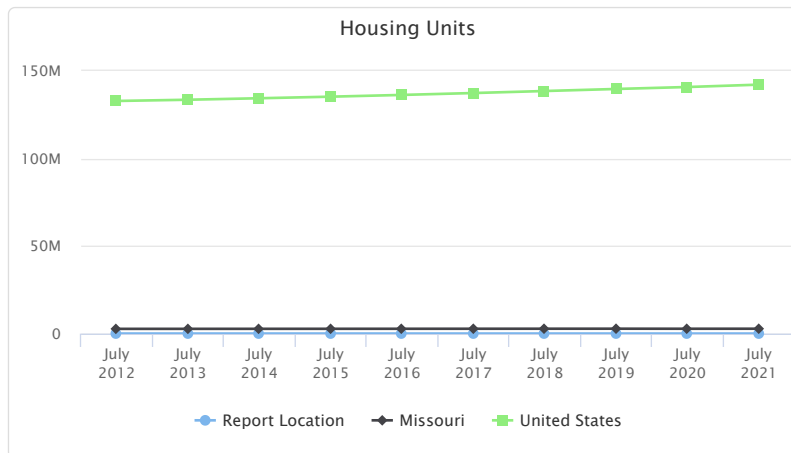
Housing

Housing Units

The number of housing units within the report area in July of each year from 2012-2021 is shown below. According to the U.S. Census, there were a total of 47,053 housing units in the report area in 2021, an decrease of -6,191 (or -11.63%) since 2012 compared to a 2.97% increase statewide.

Report Area	July 2012	July 2013	July 2014	July 2015	July 2016	July 2017	July 2018	July 2019	July 2020	July 2021
Report Location	53,244	53,257	53,301	53,383	53,416	53,399	53,432	53,426	47,010	47,053
Butler County, MO	19,771	19,788	19,803	19,834	19,875	19,867	19,871	19,867	19,288	19,305
Carter County, MO	3,252	3,255	3,259	3,265	3,265	3,264	3,265	3,265	2,675	2,677
Dent County, MO	7,313	7,310	7,328	7,338	7,335	7,334	7,336	7,333	6,818	6,821
Reynolds County, MO	4,036	4,034	4,033	4,037	4,034	4,032	4,032	4,030	3,461	3,462
Ripley County, MO	6,608	6,608	6,614	6,628	6,627	6,622	6,639	6,642	5,145	5,155
Shannon County, MO	4,166	4,166	4,167	4,173	4,173	4,171	4,174	4,174	3,513	3,517
Wayne County, MO	8,098	8,096	8,097	8,108	8,107	8,109	8,115	8,115	6,110	6,116
Missouri	2,726,543	2,735,758	2,746,573	2,760,142	2,774,831	2,790,414	2,806,113	2,819,383	2,790,172	2,807,604
United States	132,834,047	133,538,615	134,388,318	135,285,123	136,286,436	137,366,902	138,516,439	139,684,244	140,805,345	142,153,010

Data Source: US Census Bureau, Census Population Estimates. Source geography: County → [Show more details](#)

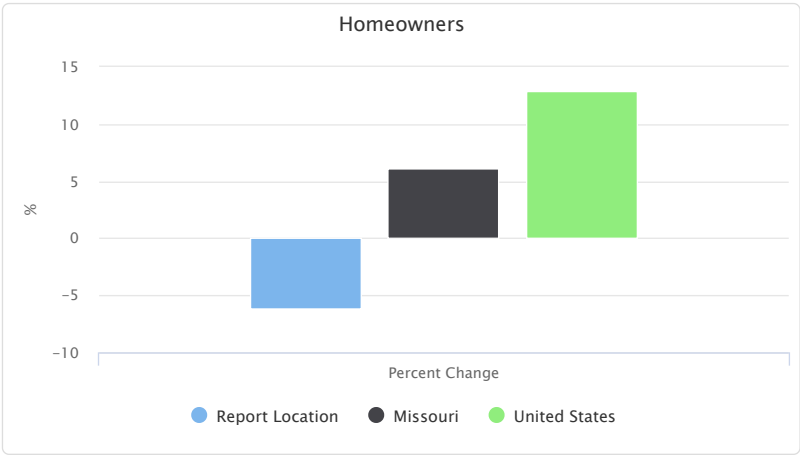


Homeowners

The U.S. Census Bureau estimated there were 31,068 homeowners in the report area in 2000, and 29,146 homeowners in the report area for the 5 year estimated period from 2016 - 2020. This equates to a change of -6.19%.

Report Area	Homes 2000	Homes 2020	Percent Change 2000-2020
Report Location	31,068	29,146	-6.19%
Butler County, MO	11,513	10,454	-9.20%
Carter County, MO	1,827	1,675	-8.32%
Dent County, MO	4,437	4,545	2.43%
Reynolds County, MO	2,103	2,116	0.62%
Ripley County, MO	4,217	3,995	-5.26%
Shannon County, MO	2,630	2,293	-12.81%
Wayne County, MO	4,341	4,068	-6.29%
Missouri	1,542,149	1,637,374	6.17%
United States	69,815,753	78,801,376	12.87%

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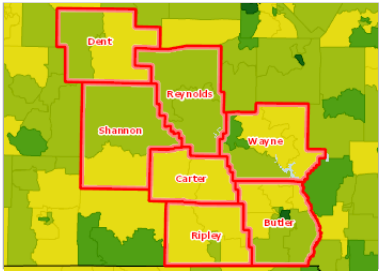


Housing Age

Total housing units, median year built and median age in 2020 for the report area are shown below. Housing units used in housing age include only those where the year built is known.

Report Area	Total Housing Units	Median Year Built	Median Age (from 2020)
Report Location	53,416	No data	No data
Butler County, MO	19,868	1980	40
Carter County, MO	3,256	1985	35
Dent County, MO	7,328	1978	42
Reynolds County, MO	4,031	1975	45
Ripley County, MO	6,637	1979	41
Shannon County, MO	4,179	1985	35
Wayne County, MO	8,117	1977	43
Missouri	2,804,664	1976	44
United States	138,432,751	1978	42

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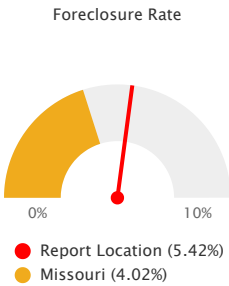
Housing Constructed Before 1960, Percent by Tract, ACS 2016-20

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- 20.1 - 30.0%
- Under 20.1%
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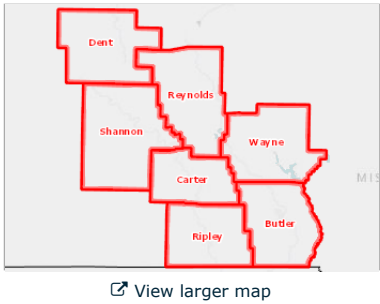
Foreclosures

The estimated number of mortgages, foreclosures and rate of foreclosure for the report area is shown in the below table. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development estimates a total of 364 houses were in foreclosure in the report area during the 18-month period starting January 2007. The average foreclosure rate for the report area was 5.42%, compared to the average statewide rate of 4.02%.

Report Area	Estimated Number of Mortgages	Estimated Number of Foreclosures	Estimated Foreclosure Rate
Report Location	6,717	364	5.42%
Butler County, MO	3,285	164	4.99%
Carter County, MO	282	14	4.96%
Dent County, MO	1,029	62	6.03%
Reynolds County, MO	454	36	7.93%
Ripley County, MO	707	43	6.08%
Shannon County, MO	345	17	4.93%
Wayne County, MO	615	28	4.55%
Missouri	1,297,577	52,185	4.02%



Data Source: US Department of Housing and Urban Development. 2004-07; 2009-10.
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Estimated Foreclosures, Rate by Tract, NSP 2004-07; 2009-10

- Over 6.0
- 3.1 - 6.0
- 1.1 - 3.0
- Under 1.1
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Report Location

Vacancy Rates

The U.S. Census Bureau provides vacancy data based on American Community Survey 5-year estimates (2016 - 2020). Vacancy rates for the report area are reported below.

Vacant non-rental housing totals 860 units and includes those for sale only and sold but not occupied. For the report area, that is a non-rental housing vacancy rate of 1.61%, in comparison the national rate is 1.26%.

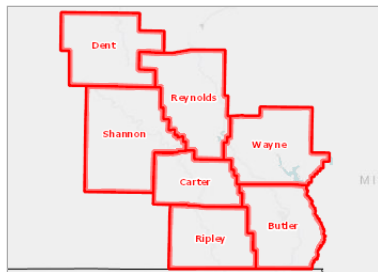
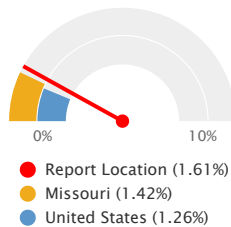
Vacant rental housing totals 887 units and includes those for rent and rented but not occupied. For the report area, that is a rental housing vacancy rate of 1.66%, in comparison the national rate is 2.36%.

Vacant other housing totals 10,568 units and includes those used for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use, as well as units used for migrant workers. For the report area, that is an other housing vacancy rate of 19.78%, in comparison the national rate is 7.99%.

Report Area	Total Housing Units	Vacant Non-Rental	Vacant Non-Rental Rate	Vacant Rental	Vacant Rental Rate	Vacant Other	Vacant Other Rate
Report Location	53,416	860	1.61%	887	1.66%	10,568	19.78%
Butler County, MO	19,868	128	0.64%	574	2.89%	2,808	14.13%
Carter County, MO	3,256	27	0.83%	47	1.44%	848	26.04%
Dent County, MO	7,328	185	2.52%	47	0.64%	741	10.11%
Reynolds County, MO	4,031	69	1.71%	22	0.55%	1,360	33.74%
Ripley County, MO	6,637	160	2.41%	64	0.96%	1,440	21.70%
Shannon County, MO	4,179	114	2.73%	42	1.01%	960	22.97%
Wayne County, MO	8,117	177	2.18%	91	1.12%	2,411	29.70%
Missouri	2,804,664	39,813	1.42%	61,140	2.18%	263,499	9.40%
United States	138,432,751	1,747,251	1.26%	3,265,187	2.36%	11,066,094	7.99%

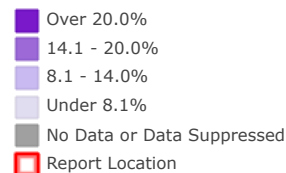
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Vacant Non-Rental Rate



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Vacant Housing Units, Percent by Tract, ACS 2016-20



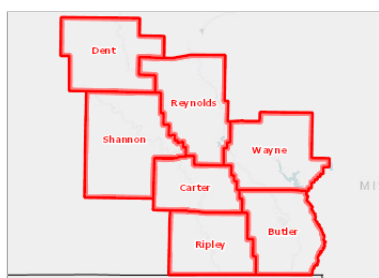
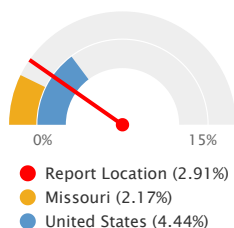
Overcrowded Housing

Occupied housing units, overcrowded housing units, and percent overcrowded for 2011-2015 and 2016-2020 American Community Survey Estimates are provided for the report area below. The average for the report area for 2020 is 2.91%, compared to a statewide average of 2.17%.

Report Area	Occupied Housing Units 2015	Overcrowded Housing Units 2015	Percent Overcrowded 2015	Occupied Housing Units 2020	Overcrowded Housing Units 2020	Percent Overcrowded 2020
Report Location	39,787	864	2.17%	38,813	1,128	2.91%
Butler County, MO	15,493	222	1.43%	15,106	208	1.38%
Carter County, MO	2,350	78	3.32%	2,239	42	1.88%
Dent County, MO	5,681	167	2.94%	5,976	240	4.02%
Reynolds County, MO	2,586	32	1.24%	2,448	54	2.21%
Ripley County, MO	5,262	156	2.96%	4,849	58	1.20%
Shannon County, MO	3,123	111	3.55%	2,938	261	8.88%
Wayne County, MO	5,292	98	1.85%	5,257	265	5.04%
Missouri	2,003,944	38,148	1.90%	2,033,299	44,046	2.17%
United States	90,647,126	3,889,851	4.29%	91,401,117	4,060,649	4.44%

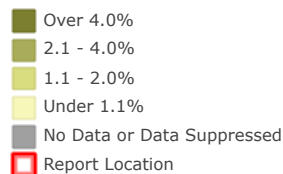
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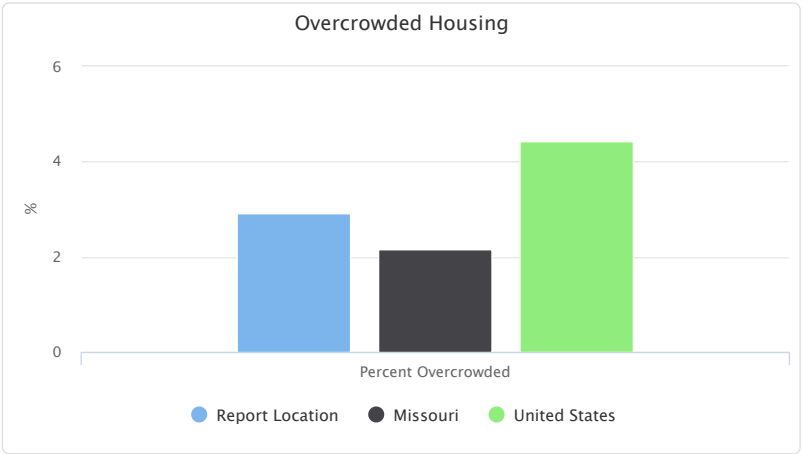
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Percentage of Housing Units Overcrowded



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Overcrowded Housing (Over 1 Person/Room), Percent by Tract, ACS 2016-20





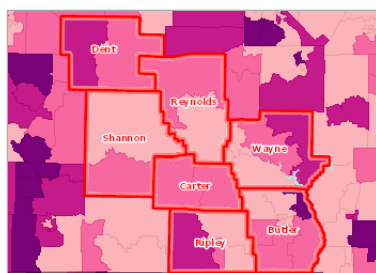
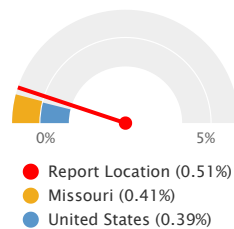
Number of Unsafe, Unsanitary Homes

The number and percentage of occupied housing units without plumbing are shown for the report area. U.S. Census data shows 561 housing units in the report area were without plumbing in 2000 and ACS 5 year estimates show 209 housing units in the report area were without plumbing in 2020.

Report Area	Occupied Housing Units 2000	Housing Units without Plumbing 2000	Percent without Plumbing 2000	Occupied Housing Units 2020	Housing Units without Plumbing 2020	Percent without Plumbing 2020
Report Location	42,085	561	1.33%	41,101	209	0.51%
Butler County, MO	16,718	114	0.61%	16,358	96	0.59%
Carter County, MO	2,378	28	0.92%	2,334	14	0.60%
Dent County, MO	5,982	79	1.13%	6,355	44	0.69%
Reynolds County, MO	2,721	50	1.33%	2,580	4	0.16%
Ripley County, MO	5,416	102	1.60%	4,973	21	0.42%
Shannon County, MO	3,319	110	2.85%	3,063	14	0.46%
Wayne County, MO	5,551	78	1.04%	5,438	16	0.29%
Missouri	2,194,594	11,923	0.49%	2,440,212	9,883	0.41%
United States	106,741,426	736,626	0.69%	123,559,968	478,063	0.39%

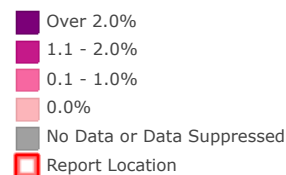
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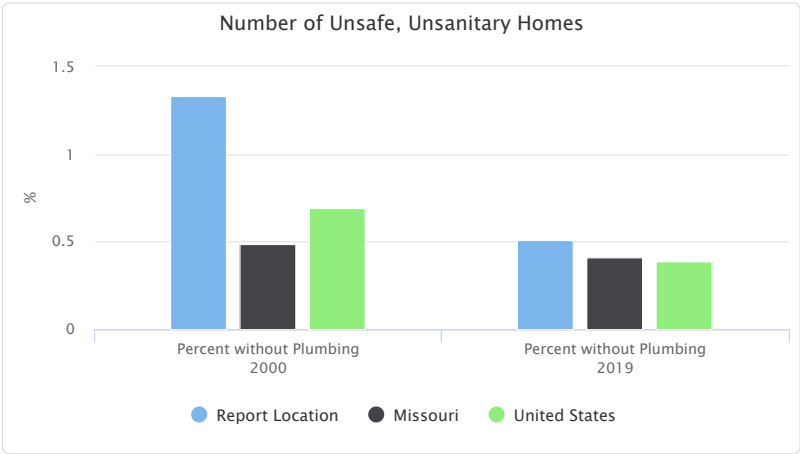
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Percentage of Housing Units Without Complete Plumbing Facilities



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Housing Units Lacking Complete Plumbing Facilities, Percent by Tract, ACS 2016-20



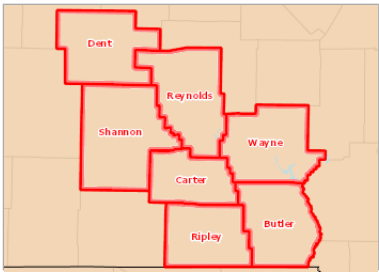


Fair Market Rent

Fair market monthly rent for 2022 (0-4 bedrooms) is shown below.

Report Area	Fair Market Rent (Monthly) 0 Bedrooms	Fair Market Rent (Monthly) 1 Bedrooms	Fair Market Rent (Monthly) 2 Bedrooms	Fair Market Rent (Monthly) 3 Bedrooms	Fair Market Rent (Monthly) 4 Bedrooms
Butler County, MO	\$498	\$530	\$698	\$944	\$1,109
Carter County, MO	\$494	\$526	\$692	\$855	\$1,071
Dent County, MO	\$489	\$521	\$685	\$912	\$1,029
Reynolds County, MO	\$489	\$521	\$685	\$847	\$1,061
Ripley County, MO	\$489	\$521	\$685	\$865	\$933
Shannon County, MO	\$500	\$532	\$700	\$865	\$1,084
Wayne County, MO	\$500	\$521	\$685	\$914	\$1,170
Missouri	\$541.87	\$588.89	\$750.48	\$992.28	\$1,141.66

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Hours per Week at Minimum Wage Needed to Afford Housing, 1-Bedroom (at FMR) by County, NLIHC 2021

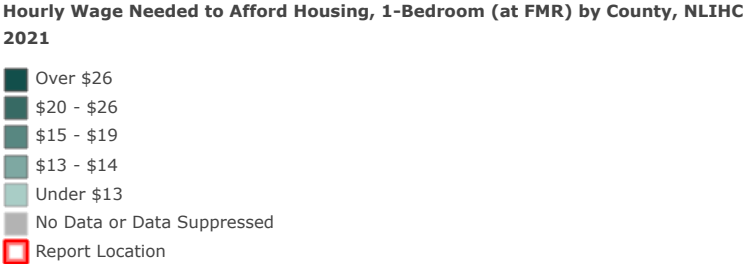
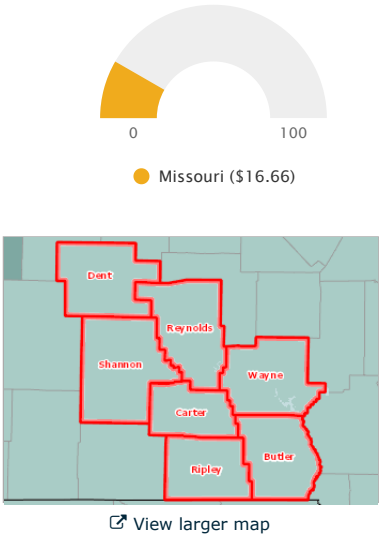
- Over 120
- 101 - 120
- 81 - 100
- 61 - 80
- Under 61
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Report Location

Housing Affordability

The National Low Income Housing Coalition reports each year on the amount of money a household must earn in order to afford a rental unit based on Fair Market Rents in the area and an accepted limit of 30% of income for housing costs.

Report Area	Average Renter Hourly Wage	Hourly Wage 0 Bedrooms	Hourly Wage 1 Bedrooms	Hourly Wage 2 Bedrooms	Hourly Wage 3 Bedrooms	Hourly Wage 4 Bedrooms
Butler County, MO	\$9.86	\$8.50	\$9.77	\$12.88	\$17.54	\$19.77
Carter County, MO	\$7.44	\$8.79	\$9.67	\$12.75	\$15.87	\$19.62
Dent County, MO	\$7.42	\$8.79	\$9.65	\$12.73	\$16.56	\$19.31
Reynolds County, MO	\$11.23	\$8.79	\$9.65	\$12.73	\$15.83	\$19.58
Ripley County, MO	\$6.91	\$8.79	\$9.85	\$12.73	\$15.88	\$17.27
Shannon County, MO	\$7.91	\$8.40	\$9.65	\$12.73	\$15.83	\$19.58
Wayne County, MO	\$7.66	\$9.15	\$9.65	\$12.73	\$16.50	\$19.37
Missouri	\$15.62	\$11.96	\$13.27	\$16.66	\$22.22	\$25.55

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Hourly Wage Needed to Afford 2-Bedroom

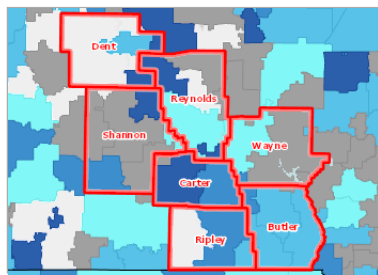


Homeless Children

Homeless children ages 3 through the 12th grade are shown for the report area below. Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education data show a total of 407 homeless children in the report area during the 2017-2018 school year. Homeless children and youth are defined in this report as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

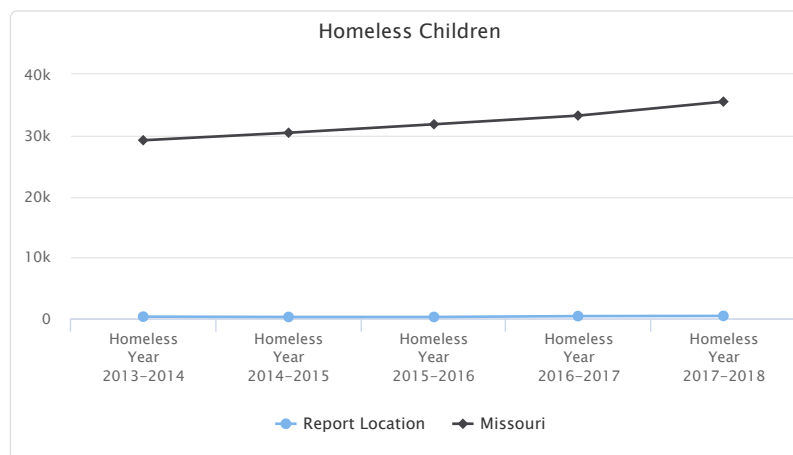
Report Area	Homeless Year 2013-2014	Homeless Year 2014-2015	Homeless Year 2015-2016	Homeless Year 2016-2017	Homeless Year 2017-2018
Report Location	288	236	235	375	407
Butler County, MO	107	101	77	98	118
Carter County, MO	71	64	88	127	119
Dent County, MO	58	45	47	42	37
Reynolds County, MO	18	0	11	0	27
Ripley County, MO	34	26	12	108	106
Shannon County, MO	0	0	0	0	0
Wayne County, MO	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	29,199	30,429	31,816	33,246	35,532

Data Source: Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. Accessed via KIDS COUNT data center. 2017-2018. Source geography: County → [Show more details](#)



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Homeless Students, Percent by School District (Secondary), ED Facts 2017-18

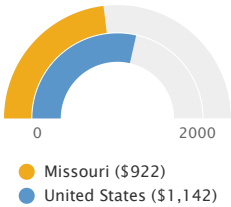


Monthly Housing Cost

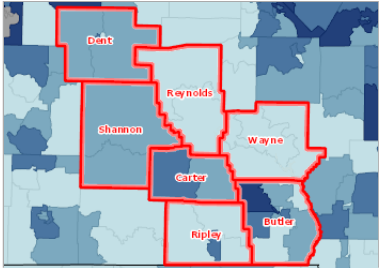
The median monthly total ownership cost of owner occupied housing units for the report area are shown below.

Report Area	Median Monthly Total Ownership Cost	Median Monthly Total Ownership Cost with Mortgage	Median Monthly Total Ownership Cost with no Mortgage
Butler County, MO	\$578	\$1,052	\$380
Carter County, MO	\$596	\$945	\$392
Dent County, MO	\$583	\$1,017	\$295
Reynolds County, MO	\$461	\$891	\$334
Ripley County, MO	\$445	\$882	\$293
Shannon County, MO	\$547	\$973	\$321
Wayne County, MO	\$443	\$911	\$323
Missouri	\$922	\$1,287	\$449
United States	\$1,142	\$1,621	\$509

Median Monthly Total Ownership Cost

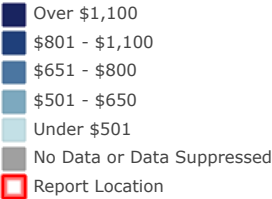


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Monthly Homeowner Housing Costs, All Units, Median by Tract, ACS 2016-20



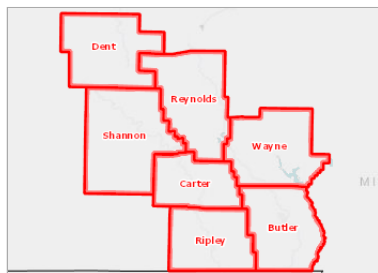
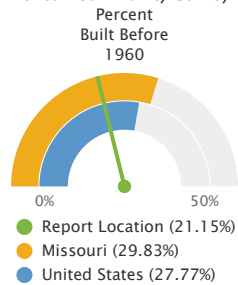
Age of Housing Unit Rentals

The age of rental housing units are listed in the below table. 21.15% of all rentals in the report area were built before 1960.

Report Area	Percent Built Before 1960	Built Before 1960	Built 1960 - 1979	Built 1980 - 1999	Built 2000 - 2010	Built after 2010
Report Location	21.15%	2,528	4,216	3,303	1,325	583
Butler County, MO	22.39%	1,322	1,894	1,876	607	205
Carter County, MO	15.48%	102	365	128	41	23
Dent County, MO	11.44%	207	735	387	369	112
Reynolds County, MO	30.82%	143	233	86	0	2
Ripley County, MO	20.04%	196	322	285	94	81
Shannon County, MO	27.27%	210	145	193	135	87
Wayne County, MO	25.40%	348	522	348	79	73
Missouri	29.83%	239,496	234,631	203,670	75,972	49,069
United States	27.77%	12,096,376	12,062,848	11,817,670	4,649,560	2,926,389

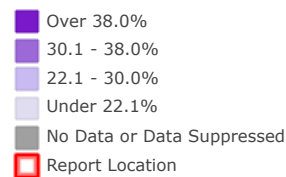
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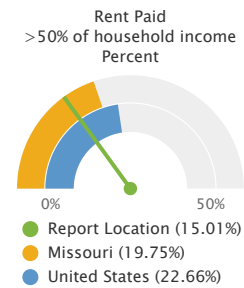
Renter-Occupied Housing Units, Percent by Tract, ACS 2016-20



Greater than 50% of Income Paid Towards Rent/Mortgage

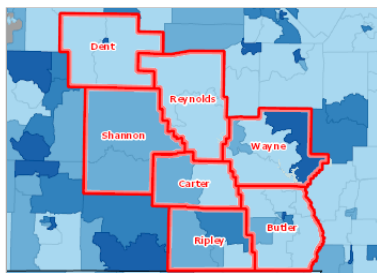
Those who are paying over 50% of the household income to either monthly rent or to mortgage payments for the report are shown in the table below. According to the American Community Survey 5 year estimate, for those households where income is known, 15.01% of rental households and 7.48% of mortgage households were paying over 50% of household income on rent or mortgage payments.

Report Area	Rent Paid >50% of household income Total	Rent Paid >50% of household income Percent	Mortgage Paid >50% of household income Total	Mortgage Paid >50% of household income Percent
Report Location	1,795	15.01%	2,181	7.48%
Butler County, MO	897	15.19%	772	7.38%
Carter County, MO	40	6.07%	75	4.48%
Dent County, MO	295	16.30%	342	7.52%
Reynolds County, MO	52	11.21%	92	4.35%
Ripley County, MO	212	21.68%	297	7.43%
Shannon County, MO	62	8.05%	281	12.25%
Wayne County, MO	237	17.30%	322	7.92%
Missouri	158,540	19.75%	105,768	6.46%
United States	9,869,649	22.66%	6,968,045	8.84%



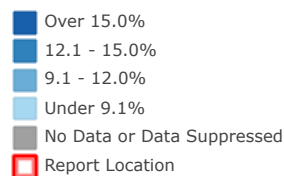
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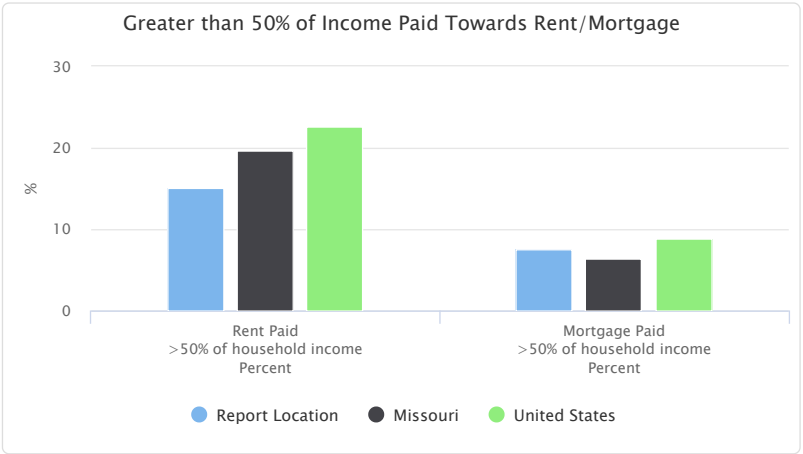
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Severely Cost Burdened Households (Housing Costs Exceed 50% of Household Income), Percent by Tract, ACS 2016-20





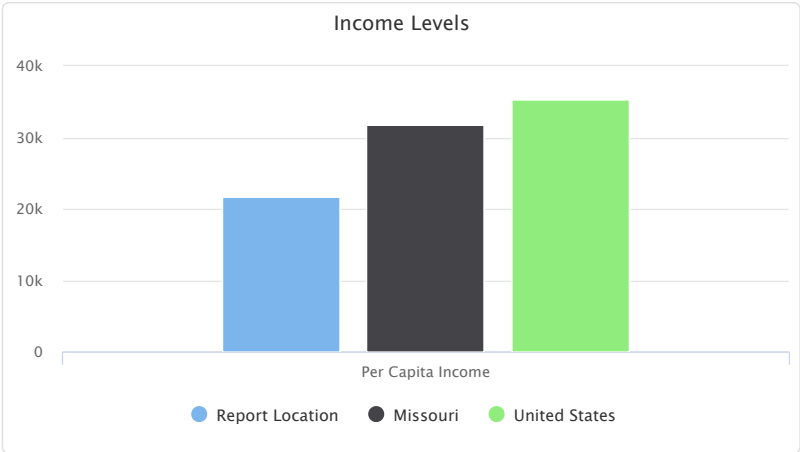
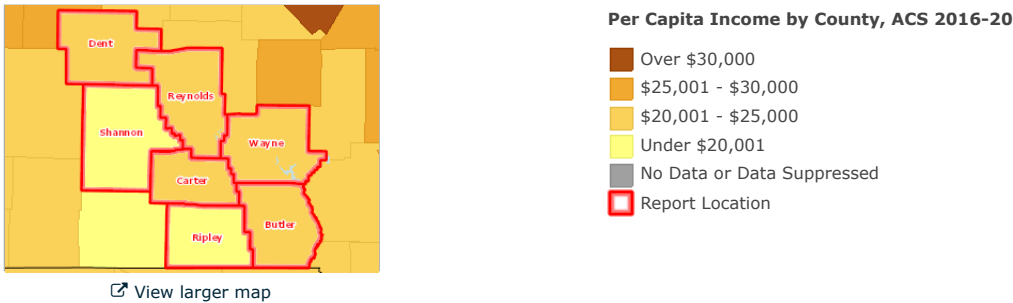
Income

Income Levels

Two common measures of income are Median Household Income and Per Capita Income based on American Community Survey 5 year estimates. Both measures are shown for the report area below.

Report Area	Median Household Income	Per Capita Income
Report Location	No data	\$21,691
Butler County, MO	\$42,227	\$22,611
Carter County, MO	\$42,403	\$23,382
Dent County, MO	\$42,714	\$23,254
Reynolds County, MO	\$39,552	\$23,197
Ripley County, MO	\$36,066	\$19,106
Shannon County, MO	\$36,229	\$17,782
Wayne County, MO	\$38,018	\$20,449
Missouri	\$57,290	\$31,839
United States	\$64,994	\$35,384

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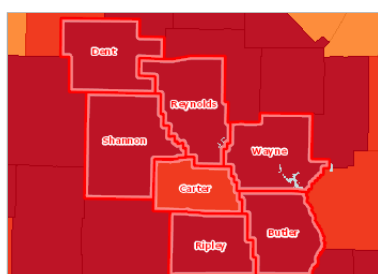
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

The average number of families receiving TANF in September of 2017, and the number of families receiving TANF per 1000 families (based on 2013 - 2017 population estimates) are shown for the report area below. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services reported that a total of 293 families were receiving TANF benefits in the report area.

The Estimated Average Payment of TANF Recipients is based on the reported average payment (per family) in September 2017 being \$225.96.

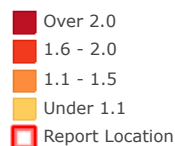
Report Area	Total Families Receiving TANF	TANF Recipients by Family per 1000	Estimated Average Payment of TANF Recipients
Report Location	293	10.86	\$66,205.69
Butler County, MO	150	14.33	\$33,893.7
Carter County, MO	13	8.39	\$2,937.45
Dent County, MO	38	9.11	\$8,586.40
Reynolds County, MO	6	3.30	\$1,355.75
Ripley County, MO	41	12.49	\$9,264.28
Shannon County, MO	20	8.87	\$4,519.16
Wayne County, MO	25	7.29	\$5,648.95
Missouri	12,032	7.76	\$2,718,726.66

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TANF Utilization Rate, Rate Per 100 People by County, MICA 2008-12

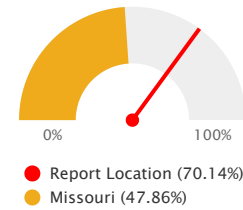


Free and Reduced Lunch Program

Free and Reduced Lunch enrollment for the report area are shown below. According to the October 2019 statistics released by the Missouri Department of Education, of the 16,062 students enrolled at public school lunch programs, 70.14% were participating in either free or reduced lunches.

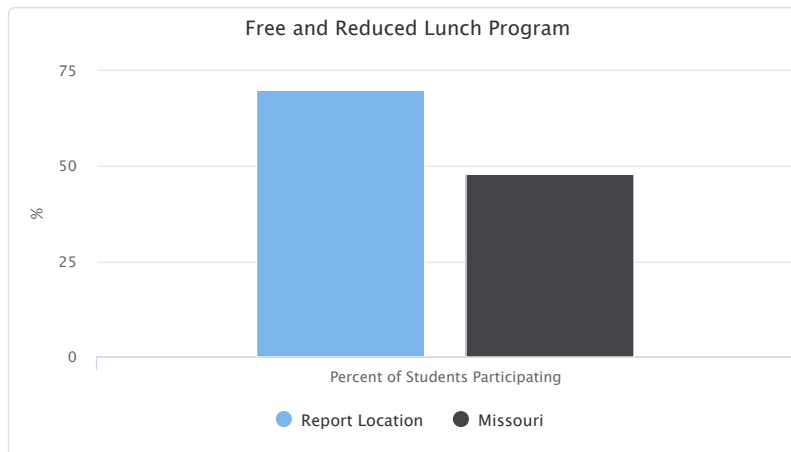
Report Area	Total Lunch Enrollment	Participating	Percent of Students Participating
Report Location	16,062	11,266	70.14%
Butler County, MO	6,929	4,802	69.30%
Carter County, MO	1,126	767	68.12%
Dent County, MO	2,204	1,428	64.79%
Reynolds County, MO	1,048	701	66.89%
Ripley County, MO	2,274	1,863	81.93%
Shannon County, MO	768	587	76.43%
Wayne County, MO	1,713	1,118	65.27%
Missouri	890,429	426,172	47.86%

Percent of Students Participating



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly Food Stamp Program)

The average number of households per month receiving SNAP benefits, the average monthly benefit payment and total SNAP dollars issued per county are shown for the report area.

Report Area	Households Receiving Benefits (Average per Month)	Benefit Payment (Average per Month)	Total Benefits Issued
Report Location	10,212	\$234.43	\$28,931,177
Butler County, MO	4,331	\$241	\$12,501,826
Carter County, MO	550	\$237	\$1,563,439
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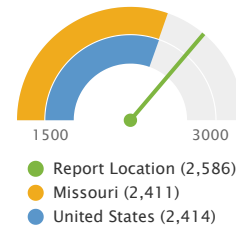
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Earned Income Tax Credit

The 2014 Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) as reported by The Brookings Institution for the report area can be seen in the below table.

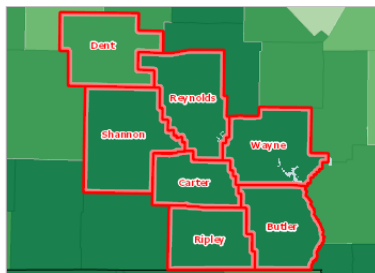
Report Area	Total Returns Claiming EITC	Total EITC Amount (\$1,000)	Average EITC Amount per Return (\$)
Report Location	11,600	30,008	2,586
Butler County, MO	4,940	12,684	2,567
Carter County, MO	720	1,874	2,602
Dent County, MO	1,460	3,691	2,528
Reynolds County, MO	680	1,841	2,707
Ripley County, MO	1,540	4,137	2,686
Shannon County, MO	960	2,467	2,569
Wayne County, MO	1,300	3,314	2,549
Missouri	495,490	1,194,704	2,411
United States	26,558,520	64,119,818	2,414

Average EITC Amount per Return (\$)



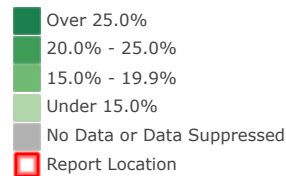
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Returns Claiming Earned Income Tax Credits, Percent by County, IRS 2019

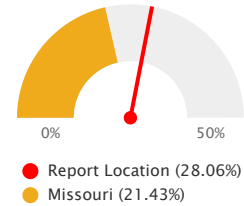


Social Security Administration Benefits

Total persons receiving Social Security benefits, percent of the population, total Social Security payments, and average Social Security payments for the report area are shown below. The Social Security Administration (SSA) reported that a total of 29,520 persons were receiving SSA benefits in the report area in 2020.

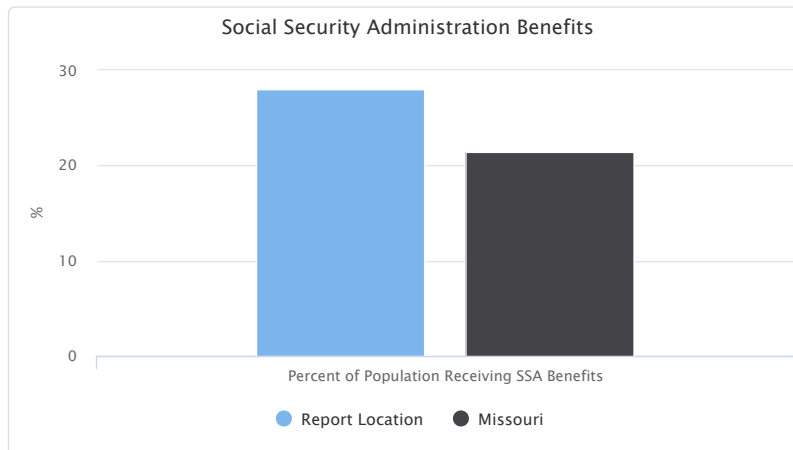
Report Area	Total Persons Receiving SSA Benefits	Percent of Population Receiving SSA Benefits	Total SSA Payments (\$1,000s)	Average SSA Payment
Report Location	29,520	28.06%	\$33,666	\$1,140
Butler County, MO	11,100	26.07%	\$12,637	\$1,138
Carter County, MO	1,850	30.40%	\$2,071	\$1,119
Dent County, MO	4,365	28.13%	\$5,202	\$1,192
Reynolds County, MO	2,165	34.51%	\$2,613	\$1,207
Ripley County, MO	3,745	27.77%	\$4,157	\$1,110
Shannon County, MO	2,315	28.21%	\$2,489	\$1,075
Wayne County, MO	3,980	30.48%	\$4,497	\$1,130
Missouri	1,312,639	21.43%	\$1,779,307	\$1,356

Percent of Population Receiving SSA Benefits



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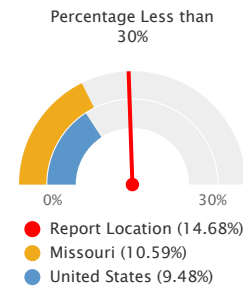
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Number of Households earning 30% or 50% of Median Gross Income

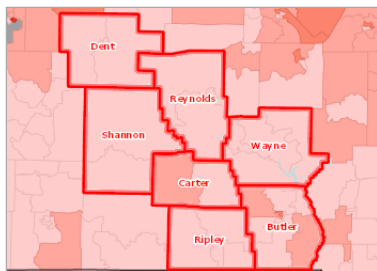
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Report Area	Less than 30%	Percentage Less than 30%	Less than 50%	Percentage Less than 50%
Report Location	11,486	14.68%	19,607	25.05%
Butler County, MO	2,268	13.86%	4,271	26.11%
Carter County, MO	279	11.95%	512	21.94%
Dent County, MO	38	22.75%	54	32.34%
Dent County, MO	805	12.67%	1,609	25.32%
Reynolds County, MO	247	9.57%	601	23.29%
Ripley County, MO	563	11.32%	1,301	26.16%
Shannon County, MO	2,825	18.12%	4,130	26.49%
Shannon County, MO	375	12.24%	705	23.02%
Wayne County, MO	776	14.27%	1,298	23.87%
Wayne County, MO	3,310	15.46%	5,126	23.95%
Missouri	982,831	10.59%	2,017,650	21.74%
United States	46,848,198	9.48%	101,333,283	20.50%



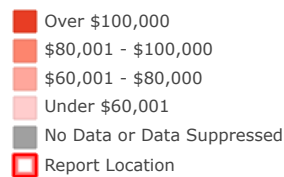
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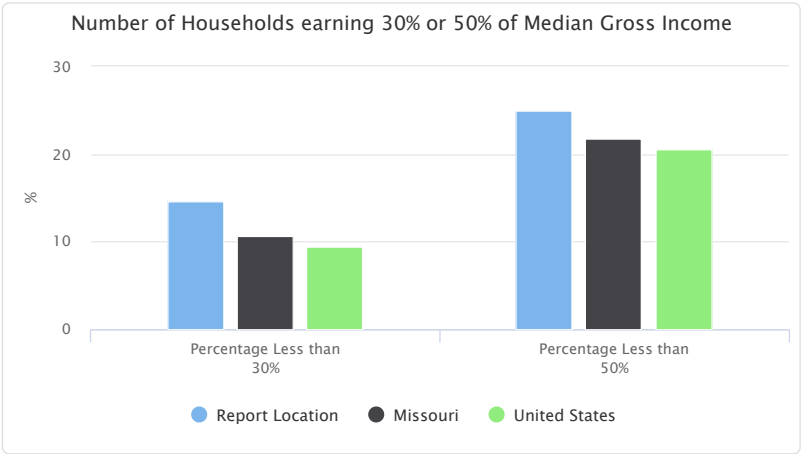
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Median Family Income by Tract, ACS 2016-20





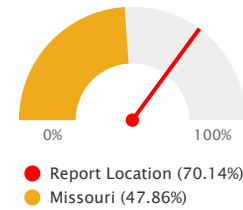
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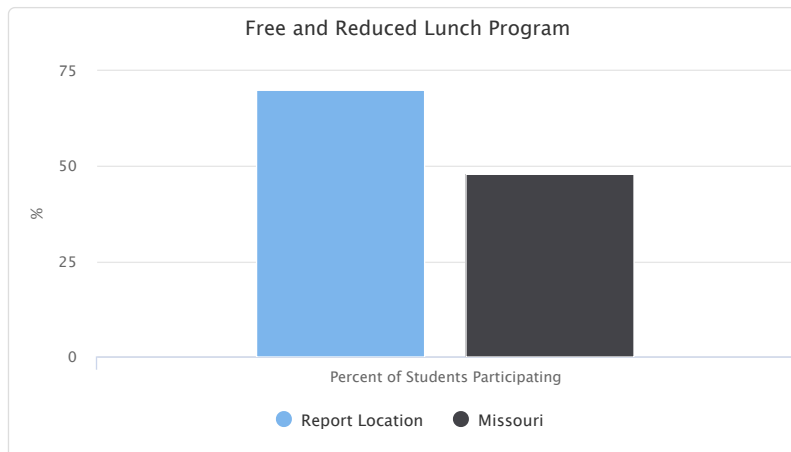
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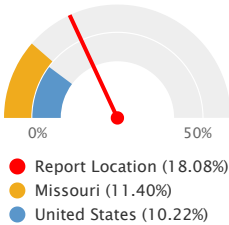
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Food Insecurity

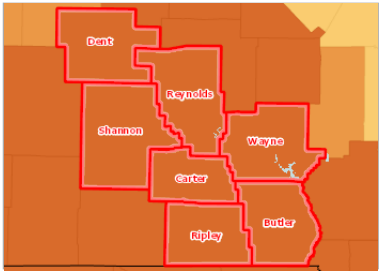
Overall Food Insecurity for the report area is listed in the table below. In 2014, there was an estimated 19,020 individuals in the area thought to be food insecure, which is 18.08% of the total area population.

Report Area	Total Population	Food Insecure Population, Total	Food Insecurity Rate
Report Location	105,203	19,020	18.08%
Butler County, MO	42,652	7,720	18.10%
Carter County, MO	6,071	1,020	16.80%
Dent County, MO	15,519	2,390	15.40%
Reynolds County, MO	6,296	1,020	16.20%
Ripley County, MO	13,454	2,610	19.40%
Shannon County, MO	8,191	1,630	19.90%
Wayne County, MO	13,020	2,630	20.20%
Missouri	6,103,772	695,830	11.40%
United States	326,616,501	33,365,240	10.22%

Percentage of Total Population with Food Insecurity

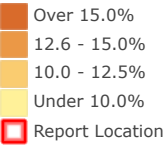


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Food Insecure Population, Percent by County, Feeding America 2020



Food Insecurity - Food Insecure Children

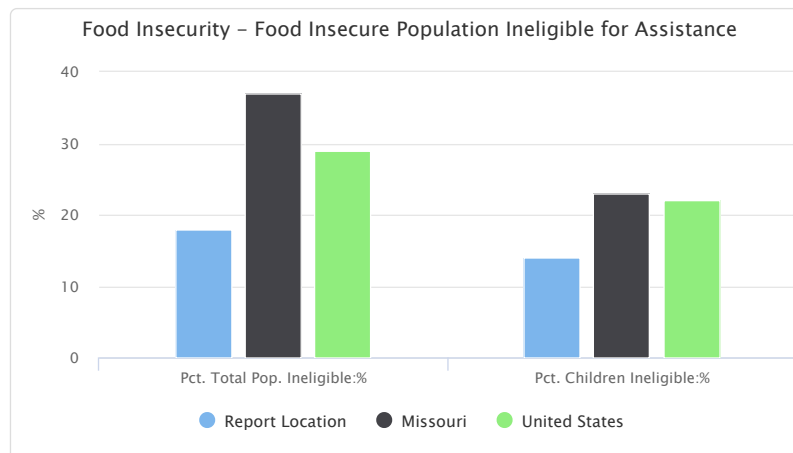
This indicator reports the estimated percentage of the population under age 18 that experienced food insecurity at some point during the report year. Food insecurity is the household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food.

Report Area	Population Under Age 18	Food Insecure Children, Total	Child Food Insecurity Rate
Report Location	23,581	5,080	21.54%
Butler County, MO	10,045	2,210	22.00%
Carter County, MO	1,465	290	19.80%
Dent County, MO	3,478	640	18.40%
Reynolds County, MO	1,154	240	20.80%
Ripley County, MO	3,059	670	21.90%
Shannon County, MO	1,759	380	21.60%
Wayne County, MO	2,621	650	24.80%
Missouri	1,376,383	194,070	14.10%
United States	73,342,236	10,590,280	14.44%

Food Insecurity - Food Insecure Population Ineligible for Assistance

This indicator reports the estimated percentage of the total population and the population under age 18 that experienced food insecurity at some point during the report year, but are ineligible for State or Federal nutrition assistance. Food insecurity is the household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food. Assistance eligibility is determined based on household income of the food insecure households relative to the maximum income-to-poverty ratio for assistance programs (SNAP, WIC, school meals, CSFP and TEFAP).

Report Area	Food Insecure Population	Food Insecure Population Ineligible for Assistance, Percent	Food Insecure Children	Food Insecure Children Ineligible for Assistance, Percent
Report Location	19,020	18.00%	5,080	14.00%
Butler County, MO	7,720	18.00%	2,210	14.00%
Carter County, MO	1,020	29.00%	290	39.00%
Dent County, MO	2,390	18.00%	640	5.00%
Reynolds County, MO	1,020	24.00%	240	30.00%
Ripley County, MO	2,610	9.00%	670	12.00%
Shannon County, MO	1,630	15.00%	380	1.00%
Wayne County, MO	2,630	22.00%	650	16.00%
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United States	33,365,240	29.00%	10,590,280	22.00%



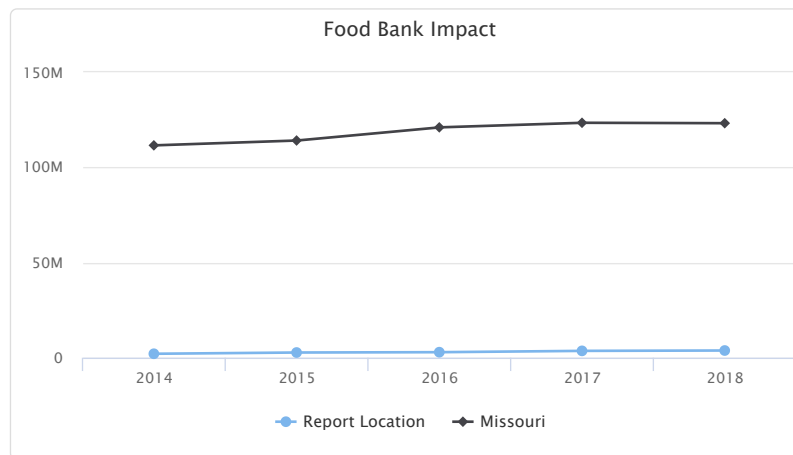
Food Bank Impact

The total amount of food (in pounds) distributed from regional food banks is listed in the table below for the report area. The amount of food includes USDA commodity foods.

In the report area there were 545,030 more total pounds of food distributed this year compared to last.

Report Area	Total Pounds Distributed 2014	Total Pounds Distributed 2015	Total Pounds Distributed 2016	Total Pounds Distributed 2017	Total Pounds Distributed 2018	Total Pounds Distributed 2019
Report Location	2,063,979	2,717,955	2,891,488.94	3,583,443	3,769,857	4,314,887
Butler County, MO	616,906	758,933	712,425.81	1,165,984	1,513,462	1,729,698
Carter County, MO	210,023	179,528	231,759.8	332,349	304,814	320,190
Dent County, MO	341,637	387,157	430,121	427,321	509,552	517,834
Reynolds County, MO	342,554	536,042	692,655.77	402,986	265,068	355,300
Ripley County, MO	140,008	314,581	259,661.68	475,673	454,712	495,686
Shannon County, MO	211,103	252,763	369,975	310,950	294,555	376,951
Wayne County, MO	201,748	288,951	194,889.88	468,180	427,694	519,228
Missouri	111,592,785	114,146,873	121,054,446	123,460,705	123,237,295	135,070,170

Data Source: Feeding America. 2014-2019. Source geography: County → [Show more details](#)

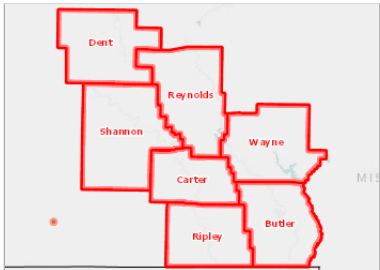


Number of Farmer's Markets

The number of farmers' markets in the report area are shown below.

Report Area	Number of Farmers Markets
Report Location	3
Butler County, MO	1
Carter County, MO	No data
Dent County, MO	1
Reynolds County, MO	No data
Ripley County, MO	1
Shannon County, MO	No data
Wayne County, MO	No data
Missouri	133

Data Source: University of Missouri, Agriculture Electronic Bulletin Board. August 2020. Source geography: County → Show more details



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Farmers' Markets, USDA - AMS Nov. 2021

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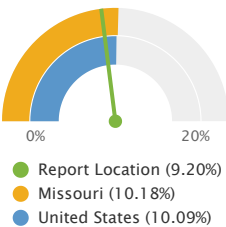
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Eligible

Below are the number of infants and children, ages 0 - 5 who are eligible for Women, Infants and Children's Program (WIC) benefits for the report area. Eligibility is defined as those living at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level.

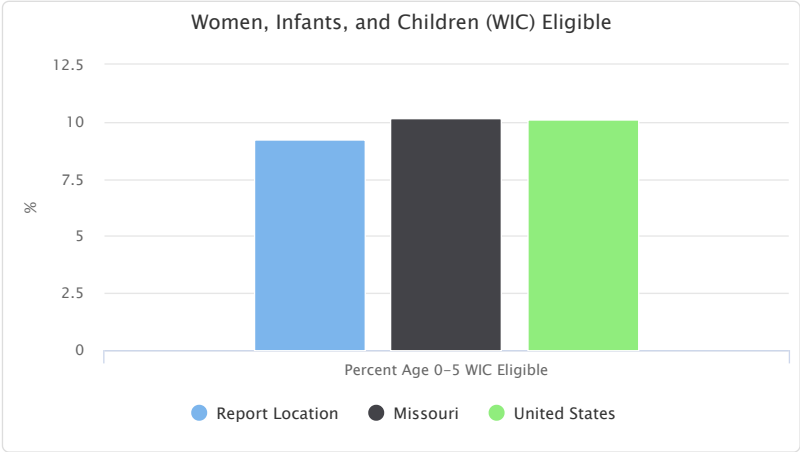
For this report, of the total population of 46,055 eligible for WIC, 9.20% are age 0 - 5 according to the American Community Survey 5 year estimates.

Report Area	Population WIC Eligible	Population Age 0-5 WIC Eligible	Percent Age 0-5 WIC Eligible
Report Location	46,055	4,237	9.20%
Butler County, MO	18,745	1,870	9.98%
Carter County, MO	2,118	156	7.37%
Dent County, MO	6,386	603	9.44%
Reynolds County, MO	2,331	202	8.67%
Ripley County, MO	6,584	561	8.52%
Shannon County, MO	4,103	458	11.16%
Wayne County, MO	5,788	387	6.69%
Missouri	1,675,786	170,528	10.18%
United States	86,498,962	8,724,769	10.09%

Percent Age 0-5 WIC Eligible



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2016-20. Source geography: County → [Show more details](#)



Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program

Prenatal, postpartum, infant and child participation in the WIC program within the report area for 2016 are shown. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services reported that a total of 4,915 persons received WIC benefits in the report area in 2018.

Report Area	Prenatal Participation	Postpartum Participation	Infant Participation	Child Participation
Report Location	867	859	965	2,224
Butler County, MO	379	390	442	1,025
Carter County, MO	56	54	58	162
Dent County, MO	116	109	114	231
Reynolds County, MO	52	51	60	113
Ripley County, MO	122	117	121	286
Shannon County, MO	56	57	70	123
Wayne County, MO	86	81	100	284
Missouri	27,177	32,060	35,761	64,129

Data Source: US Department of Health & Human Services, Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services. 2018. Source geography: County → [Show more details](#)